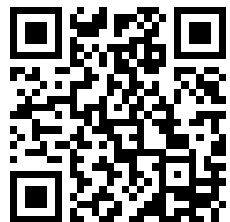
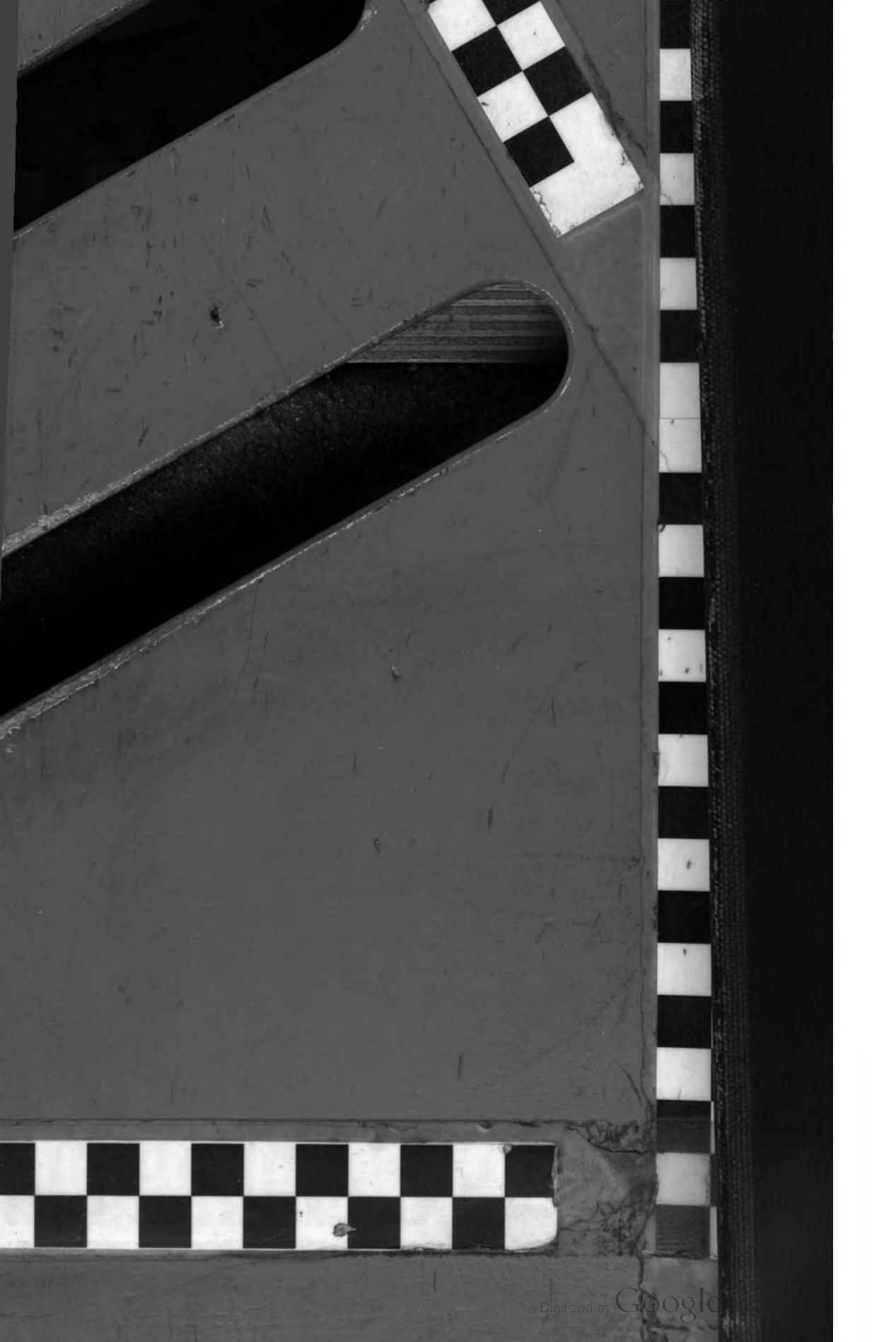

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CHARLES W. SEWARD

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HON. CHARLES W. SEWARD.

Hon. Charles W. Seward, formerly probate judge and now serving for the second term as judge of the common pleas court of Licking county, is a prominent representative of the bar of this section of the state. Devotedly attached to his profession, systematic and methodical in habit, sober and discreet in judgment, calm in temper, diligent in research, conscientious in the discharge of every duty, courteous and kind in demeanor, and inflexibly just on all occasions, these qualities have enabled Judge Seward to take high rank among those who have won judicial honors or have practiced before the courts of central Ohio.

He is one of the native sons of the county that has honored him with judicial preferment, for his birth occurred in Perry township, April 13, 1850, his parents being James E. and Harriet (Davis) Seward. The father was a native of Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, and about 1822 became a resident of Licking county, Ohio, establishing his home on a farm in Perry township. His purchase was a small tract of land which was partially improved, and with characteristic energy he began its further improvement and development, continuing there to till the soil until his life's labors were ended in death in 1872. He was a tanner by trade and carried on that business in connection with agricultural pursuits, until after the Civil war, but did not find it a profitable undertaking and hence gave it up, concentrating his energies upon his agricultural interests. He was twice married, his second union being with Harriet Davis, a native of Guernsey county, Ohio, who is also deceased.

The life record of Judge Seward is another proof of the statement that the great majority of successful professional men have spent their youths amid the environments of the farm. He was reared to the work of the fields and acquired his preliminary education in the district schools. He learned the tanner's trade with his father and continued with him until his death. In 1870 he engaged in teaching school and the following year turned his attention to mercantile pursuits at Perryton, Licking county, in connection with his brothers, John F. and James A. Seward. He remained in that partnership until 1882 and the venture proved a profitable one, the firm not only gaining an extensive trade but also enjoying an

unassailable reputation as a prominent factor in commercial circles. In the winter of 1875-6, however, Judge Seward began attending law lectures at the Michigan State University at Ann Arbor and also pursued his reading of law during his leisure hours at home. While in college he was a member of the same class as Judge Taggart, now on the circuit bench. In 1877 he went to Marshalltown, Iowa, and read law in the office of Brown & Binford, being admitted to the bar at that place in 1878.

Returning to Ohio, Judge Seward was admitted to the bar at Columbus in 1879, and the same year opened an office for practice in Newark, since which time he has made steady progress in his profession. In 1882 he was elected by the board of directors of the Home Building Association Company as their attorney and continued in that position until elected probate judge in 1893. He thus served for four years, or until February 9, 1897, when he resumed the private practice of law. An earnest manner, marked strength of character, a thorough grasp of the law and an ability to accurately apply its principles, made him one of the effective and successful advocates in the courts and a growing clientage was accorded him. However, he was again called to judicial service, when, in the fall of 1901, he was elected common pleas judge for a term of five years, and in 1906 was re-elected, so that he is the present incumbent. He has never been an office seeker, his honors in that direction having been forced upon him by his party, and his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens are indicated by the fact that he was the only republican on the ticket elected in the year 1901.

In September, 1887, Judge Seward was married to Miss Anna G. Stacel, of Newark. They have an extensive circle of friends here and are loyal members of the Methodist Episcopal church, while Judge Seward is a valued representative of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen. He is also a member of the Licking County Bar Association and is now serving as its secretary. His business career since putting aside his text-books at an early age has been marked by continuous progress. He is conscientious in the discharge of his duties, and his spirit of loyalty, added to his comprehensive knowledge of the law, has made him an official of merit whose ability was attested by public opinion in his re-election for a second term.

PERRY PECK.

Perry Peck is the owner of one of the fine farms of Licking county, having one hundred acres of valuable land in Harrison township about three miles from Pataskala. Upon his place he has all modern equipments known to the model farm of the twentieth century and here he is extensively engaged in stock-raising, making a specialty of American Merino sheep, Jersey cows and Duroc Jersey Red hogs. His business interests, most carefully conducted, are proving to him a profitable source of revenue.

Mr. Peck was born in Union township, this county, May 2, 1854. His paternal grandparents were Solomon and Elizabeth (Nutt) Peck, in whose family were eight children, including Dexter Peck, whose birth occurred at Topsham, Vermont, April 25, 1833. He was only five years of age when he accompanied his parents

on their removal to Ohio, the family home being established in Harlem township, Delaware county. There amid pioneer conditions he was reared to manhood, but when a young man came to Licking county and spent his remaining days in agricultural pursuits in Union and Harrison townships. He wedded Miss Comfort Parkerson, who was born in Etna township, Licking county, and was a daughter of John and Mary (Slack) Parkerson. Her father's birth occurred in Sawley, England, July 25, 1793, while his wife was born in Pennsylvania about 1796. With his parents, John and Anna Parkerson, he crossed the Atlantic to Connecticut about 1800 and on leaving New England became a resident of Zanesville, Ohio, where his marriage was celebrated. He served his adopted country as a soldier of the war of 1812, holding the rank of colonel. Following his marriage in Zanesville he removed to Licking county and for some time resided in Etna township but his last days were passed in Kirkersville, this county, where he died when about eighty years of age. His wife passed away in 1874. John Parkerson, the grandfather of Mr. Peck, was one of a family of seven children, namely: Martha, John, Samuel, Ann, William, Thomas and Edward.

Following his marriage Dexter Peck established his home on a farm in this county and throughout his remaining days devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits in Union and Harrison townships. In his chosen life work he met with gratifying success and at one time was the owner of about three hundred acres of rich and productive land, but divided this with his children. He died upon the home farm on the day following the seventieth anniversary of his birth, while his wife died in 1886 at the age of fifty-two years. He was a member of the Kirkersville Baptist church and in early life gave his political allegiance to the democracy, while later he became a supporter of the republican party. Unto him and his wife were born six children: Perry, of this review; W. F., deceased; Willis R., living in Lima township; Mary J., who has passed away; Anna V., the wife of Charles Camp, of St. Albans township; and Loren B., of Harrison township.

In taking up the personal history of Perry Peck we present to our readers the life record of one who has long been widely and favorably known in this part of Licking county, having for more than a half century made his home in Harrison township. He was only three years old when his parents removed to a farm in this township and within its borders he has since remained, his youthful days being largely devoted to farm work in assisting his father. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges and his training in the work of the fields well qualified him to take charge of farming interests on his own account at the time of his marriage. He has remained upon his present farm since October, 1874, and has here an excellent tract of land of one hundred acres, pleasantly situated about three miles from Pataskala and six miles from Granville. When he took possession there was upon the place a little one-story house containing four rooms and the farm was surrounded by a rail fence. There were no trees in the yard and the place was in a somewhat dilapidated condition, but with characteristic energy he began to till the soil and improve the farm and it is today one of the fine properties of Harrison township. In 1885 he erected a commodious residence containing nine rooms. He has also built all the necessary outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock, has an excellent granary and three good barns. He has also placed one thousand rods of tile upon the farm and has set out fruit of all

kinds. In addition to raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he has been extensively and successfully engaged in stock-raising, making a specialty of American Merino sheep of the best Vermont blood. He has won various premiums on his sheep when exhibiting at fairs, has now about one hundred and twenty-five head and in the spring of 1908, from six head which he bought in Vermont, he sheared one hundred and thirty-five pounds of wool, this being taken from five ewes and one ram. He likewise owns a fine herd of Jersey cows, also raises Duroc Jersey Red hogs and White Plymouth Rock chickens. He keeps always on hand stock of high grade, having some of the best blooded stock to be found in this part of the state.

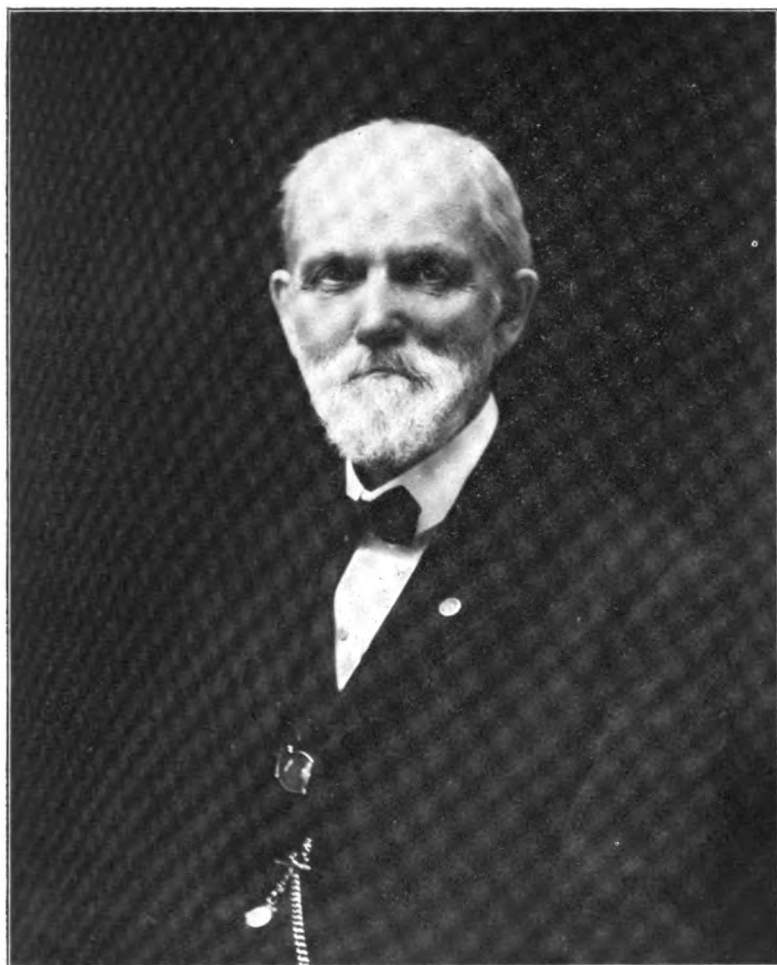
In the year 1874, when but twenty years of age, Mr. Peck laid the foundation for a pleasant home life in his marriage to Miss Mary C. Williams, who was born in Liberty township, this county, November 4, 1854, a daughter of John and Mary (McArney) Iliff, the former a native of Perry county, Ohio. The mother died when her daughter Mary was but three months old and she was then adopted by Charles Williams and took his name. John Iliff was a son of James Iliff, a native of Pennsylvania, who became one of the early settlers of Perry county, Ohio. Mary McArney was the daughter of the Rev. John A. McArney, a Methodist preacher. Mrs. Peck had one brother, James Iliff, and a sister, Mattie Iliff, both now deceased. Her father married a second time, had six children by that union and died in Nebraska. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Peck were born three sons: Charles D., who died at the age of one year, one month and one day; Addis Iliff, who died at the age of seventeen years; and a son who died in infancy.

In his political views Mr. Peck has always been a stalwart republican and for seven years served as township trustee, while he has also filled the offices of road supervisor and school director. He belongs to the Wesleyan Methodist church and takes an active and helpful interest in its work, contributing generously to its support and doing all in his power to further its growth and upbuilding. Honorable and upright, manly and sincere, his life record commends him to the confidence and good will of all who know him.

W. A. LOVETT.

W. A. Lovett, working energetically and persistently to attain that success which is the legitimate goal of all business industry, is now conducting a laundry in Newark. He was born October 30, 1837, in Mansfield, Ohio, a son of John W. and Lydia (Gray) Lovett, both of whom were natives of New York. Following their marriage, they removed to Ohio in 1835, settling in Richland county among its early residents, for the work of improvement was still in its primitive stages when they took up their home there. The father followed the occupation of farming in that county until his death in 1854, the mother surviving until 1857.

W. A. Lovett was educated in the public schools of Richland county and in the Vermillion Institute, after which he devoted two years to teaching. He then went to New York on a visit, and the smoke of Fort Sumter's guns had scarcely cleared away when he joined the army, becoming a member of one of the first



W. A. LOVETT

companies raised—Company H of the Twenty-eighth New York infantry. With this command he went to the front, taking part in a number of hotly contested engagements, until 1862, when he was wounded at the battle of Cedar Mountain and his health was so shattered that he was honorably discharged in 1863, his term of service having expired.

Returning to Ohio, Mr. Lovett was employed in various lines of business until 1864, when he was appointed postmaster of Upper Sandusky by President Lincoln, but he would not endorse President Johnson's policy, and was relieved in 1866. He continued a resident of Upper Sandusky until 1869, when he went to Illinois, where he engaged in the insurance business, continuing in that state for several years. In 1880 he again became a resident of Mansfield, Ohio, where he conducted a shirt manufacturing business for some time. Later he carried on the same line of business in Galion, Ohio, and in 1884 removed to Newark, locating at the corner of Fourth and Church streets, where he is now conducting a laundry business, being proprietor of the Newark Steam Laundry, the oldest and best enterprise of this kind in the city. High class work, promptness and reliability have always been features of this undertaking, and they constitute the foundation on which he has builded his success.

In 1863, Mr. Lovett was married to Miss Louisa J. Smith, a native of Greene county, and they have one daughter, Emma, now the wife of G. W. Shartle. Mr. Lovett is a member of the Lemert Post, G. A. R., and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. He is a member of the Second Presbyterian church, and a most highly respected citizen, his honorable principles gaining for him the good will of all. He is prominent in local republican circles, has been chairman of the executive committee, and at all times is as true and loyal to his country in matters of citizenship as when he followed the old flag upon southern battlefields.

CHRISTOPHER R. STARK.

There are some names that are inseparably interwoven with the history of Licking county. The Stark family, from the period of earliest development, has been represented here, and the work which they have done in promoting general progress and improvement has given them the right to be classed among the most prominent and valued citizens in this part of the state. Christopher R. Stark, always loyal in his citizenship, made farming his life work, and continued an honored representative of agricultural interests to the time of his death. He was born February 9, 1825, on a farm two and a half miles west of Granville on the Worthington road, where he lived until called to the home beyond. He was a son of Joshua and Silence (Rose) Stark. The father was born in New London county, Connecticut, November 9, 1788, and was the older son in a family of two sons and seven daughters. In his youthful days he assisted his father in the farm work, also in the operation of a grist-mill and woolen factory which his father owned. Liberal educational advantages were afforded him, and he supplemented his early training by a course in Brown university. When the country became involved for the second time in war with England, he joined the American army and as

an officer in a company led the defense of New London, Connecticut, when an attack was made upon that town. In consideration of his services, his family received a land warrant from the government for one hundred and sixty acres of land. Attracted by the growing west, for such Ohio was in those days, Joshua Stark left his old home in 1817 and with a one-horse wagon traveled toward what was then called New Connecticut, or the Western Reserve. On the way, however, he formed the acquaintance of George Case, who induced Mr. Stark to join him in a trip to Licking county, and eventually they reached Granville. They here formed a partnership for the manufacture of brick, which was in great demand for building operations. For three years the business was successfully conducted, and then Mr. Stark turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, locating on a farm two and a half miles west of the village of Granville. There a few years later he purchased one hundred acres of land, and afterward an additional tract of one hundred and seventy acres, and in time this place became the property of his son Christopher, whose name introduces this review.

On the 22d of November, 1821, Joshua Stark was married to Silence Rose, of Granville, a daughter of Deacon Lemuel and Axa Rose, who came to Ohio in 1805 with the Granville company from Granville, Connecticut. Their daughter Silence was born September 4, 1795, and by her marriage became the mother of three children: L. Barlow, born July 1, 1823; Christopher R., born February 9, 1825; and Olive, born June 20, 1828. The death of the father occurred June 29, 1858, and the mother passed away December 27, 1861. Mr. Stark was honest, frugal and industrious, and was loyal in his friendships. His wife was a devoted Christian woman.

On the home farm, amid the conditions of pioneer life, Christopher R. Stark was reared, and always resided upon this place save for nine years which he spent in California, crossing the plains to the Pacific coast in 1849, attracted by the discovery of gold in that state. He acted as captain of a company of thirty-two men who left Licking county for the far west, and day after day they traveled on, until the days lengthened into weeks and the weeks into months, ere they were gladdened by the sight of the green valleys of California. At first Mr. Stark engaged in mining, but soon came to the opinion that he would find more profitable labor in other fields, and ran a pack-train of mules, carrying provisions into the mountains for the miners. In 1858 he returned by way of the isthmus route and spent the remainder of his days on a farm. He was the owner of two hundred and seventy acres of rich and valuable land, which was devoted to the cultivation of such cereals as are best adapted to soil and climate. He also gave time to raising short-horned cattle, and became known as one of the prominent cattlemen of this part of the state. He always kept stock of the highest grade, had a fine herd of Durhams, and won various premiums by his exhibitions at the county and state fairs. On his place he made all modern improvements and erected a good dwelling and substantial outbuildings, while the latest improved machinery was used to facilitate the work of the fields.

On the 12th of March, 1860, Mr. Stark was married to Miss Mary Partridge, who was born in Granville township in 1827. Her father, Ebenezer Partridge, was born in Burlington, Vermont, May 18, 1802; while her mother, who bore the maiden name of Lucretia Rice, was born in Westford, Vermont, in 1808. In the spring of 1834 they became residents of Granville, where their remaining days

were passed. Mrs. Partridge died March 21, 1849, and Mr. Partridge afterward married Marietta Hamilton, of Canaan, New York. His death occurred November 1, 1873. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stark were born three children: Charles, who died September 17, 1887, at the age of twenty-one years; Joshua, who is living on the old home place; and William, who is also occupying a part of the old homestead. He married Cenith Prior and they have three children: Mary Esther, James L., and John C. Joshua Stark is the owner of valuable farming property lying in two townships. He is a worthy successor of his honored father in his farming and stock-raising interests, and is recognized as a man of good business ability, of unsullied integrity in all trade transactions, and of capable management in all of his affairs. On October 28, 1908, Joshua Stark was married to Minnie B. Sinnett, a daughter of Eugene and Harriet (Twining) Sinnett, natives of Granville township. Mr. Sinnett was a farmer of Granville township. His death occurred in the fall of 1884. His widow still survives and lives in Granville. Mrs. Stark was the only child. Eugene Sinnett's parents, Alansen and Julia (Webster) Sinnett, were born in Massachusetts and Vermont, and numbered among the early settlers of Licking county. He later removed to Rock Island, Illinois, where his death occurred in 1886. Mrs. Eugene Sinnett's parents were Merrick and Corinthia (Clark) Twining. Mrs. Sinnett was a cousin of Daniel Webster. Both Mr. and Mrs. Twining were pioneers of Granville township.

In his political views Christopher R. Stark was a stalwart republican. He took great interest in the affairs of the community, served as township trustee, and held other local offices. He also purchased the first lot in the Granville cemetery. At the time of the civil war he served as one of the squirrel-hunters and protected the interests of the community against the invasion of the southern troops. Death claimed him on the 6th of September, 1908, while his wife passed away in 1899. They were both people of the highest personal worth, who had done their full share toward promoting the progress and upbuilding of the county. Mr. Stark stood at all times for advancement, and his labors were particularly effective in promoting agricultural interests. He was a member of the Granville Farmers' Club, and while he never spoke at length before that body, the ideas which he did express were terse and to the point. He was modest in the expression of his opinions, and yet his ideas were always recognized as of value, for he was a close observer and his deductions were logical and reasonable. He made good use of his time and opportunities, and his well-directed life won for him the unqualified respect of all who knew him.

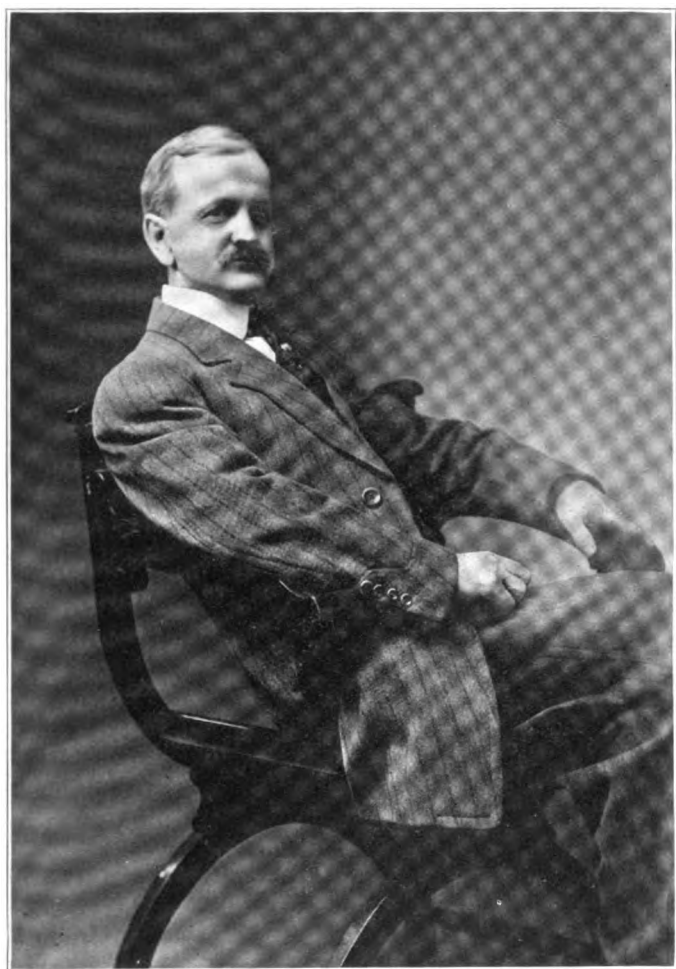
GEORGE DUNCAN HEISEY.

George Duncan Heisey, postmaster of Newark, and also connected with other business interests of importance in the city, was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, February 18, 1882. He is a son of August H. and Susan N. (Duncan) Heisey, who were also natives of Pittsburg. The father is one of the prominent representatives of industrial and commercial activity in Newark, being president of the firm of A. H. Heisey & Company, manufacturers of fine table glassware.

In his youth George D. Heisey was afforded liberal educational privileges, pursuing his studies in Lehigh University, at South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He put aside his text-books in 1898 in order to return to Newark as manager of the glass works, which had been established here by his father, and continued to capably fill that position until the fall of 1907, when he became ill with typhoid fever which incapacitated him for business for several months. He has displayed keen discernment in control of intricate business problems and has manifested a spirit of enterprise in all he has undertaken. He regards no position as final, believing always in the opportunity for further improvement and laboring ever toward reaching a higher standard. He is treasurer of A. H. Heisey & Company, incorporated, and interested in A. H. Heisey & Company, the Newark Heat and Light Company and the Newark Drilling Company. In 1904 he was appointed postmaster of Newark by President Roosevelt at the solicitation of Congressman M. L. Smyser, for whose election he was largely responsible, laboring earnestly to secure the success of Mr. Smyser, who is the only republican ever elected to congress from this district. Mr. Heisey brought to his official duties the same spirit of determination and energy which characterized him in his control of business affairs, and the duties of the office have been capably administered. He belongs to the Tau Nu Epsilon and is well known in the social circles of Newark, his friends being almost as many as his acquaintances. In all he does he is actuated by a spirit of determination and enterprise that enables him to overcome difficulties and obstacles and press continuously forward to the goal. In matters of citizenship he is public-spirited and cooperates in many movements for the general good.

ARTHUR CLARENCE HATCH.

Arthur Clarence Hatch, who for twenty-two years has been a resident of Newark and throughout the entire period has been connected with the American Tribune, and the American prior to the merging of the two papers, now occupies the position of business manager. In a position of executive control he has shown himself thoroughly qualified for the work and carefully masters the problems which continually arise in the management of a successful newspaper as well as in the control of industrial or commercial interests. He was born in Milford, New Hampshire, September 27, 1863. His father, Charles G. Hatch, was a native of Milford, Massachusetts, and was of Scotch ancestry. The first of the name in this country came at the time of the Huguenot exodus and settled in the old Bay state. When the colonies attempted to throw off the yoke of British oppression representatives of the Hatch family served in the American army. Charles G. Hatch was a dealer in carriages and a successful merchant who, extending the scope of his business activity, also became well known as a dealer in horses. He died in 1902 at the age of seventy-three years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Blanchard, was born in Lyndeboro, New Hampshire, and was a granddaughter of Jotham Blanchard, who furnished money to equip the troops and furnish them supplies at the time of the Revolutionary war, lending the money



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to the state. It will thus be seen that on both the paternal and maternal sides Arthur C. Hatch comes of a race of people intensely patriotic and loyal in the early days of the country's history. His mother, a consistent Christian woman, holding membership in the Congregational church, now makes her home with her son, George W. Hatch, at Wilton, New Hampshire, at the age of seventy-nine years. By her marriage she became the mother of nine children, six sons and three daughters, of whom only one is now deceased. Of these Charles A. and George W. Hatch are physicians, while Fred S. Hatch is an attorney. Ernest G., of Buffalo, New York, is superintendent of the John Hancock Life Insurance Company, and Frank S. is a resident of Pepperill, Massachusetts. Arthur C. Hatch, who was sixth in order of birth, attended the public schools of Milford, New Hampshire, and when his education was completed became bookkeeper in a large general store at that place, occupying the position for about three years. In 1887 he came to Newark, where his brother, Charles A. Hatch, was a well known physician. Entering business circles here, Mr. Hatch became circulation manager for the American, a paper published in Newark, and acted in that capacity until 1896, when he was promoted to the responsible position of business manager and through various changes, including the consolidation of the American with the Tribune, he has continued as business manager to the present time. The success of the paper is largely attributable to his efforts, for in all business affairs he displays keen discrimination and sound judgment, combined with a thorough understanding of the modern business methods that lead to progress and advancement.

In 1884 Mr. Hatch was married to Miss Jessie P. Butterfield, who was born in New Boston, New Hampshire, in 1864, and they have three children: Marion, Ruth and Bernice. The parents and children are members of the First Presbyterian church of this city, in which Mr. Hatch served as a trustee for several years. In the work of the church they are much interested and are active in support of many measures for the general good. Mr. Hatch belongs to the Odd Fellows society, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Masonic fraternity, in which he has taken high rank, while at the present time he is a member of the Mystic Shrine. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has done not a little to mold its policy in this county. For a time he served as a member of the board of health but resigned the position and was elected secretary of the city board of elections, in which capacity he served for four years. His devotion to the general good has been manifest in many tangible ways. He recognizes the opportunities for municipal progress and is in hearty sympathy with all those measures which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride.

THOMAS G. FLEMING.

Thomas G. Fleming needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for the Fleming family is most widely and favorably known in Licking county, and the subject of this review occupies a prominent place in business circles, being associated with his father and brother in the breeding of standard bred horses and

polled Durham cattle. He was born in Perry township on the 4th of July, 1857, and is a son of Nathan **Quinn Fleming**, of whom extended mention is made on another page of this volume. The home farm was his playground in youth and his training school for the experiences of practical business life. His intellectual training was obtained in the common schools of the neighborhood and in the Ohio Wesleyan University. On attaining his twenty-third year he entered into partnership with his father in the breeding of fine cattle and horses and the business connection between them has since been continued. They are today numbered among the most prominent dealers of Ohio, with extensive business interests and large investments in fine stock.

On the 11th of October, 1883, Mr. Fleming was married to Miss Bertha Stump, a daughter of William and Catherine (Fleming) Stump, of Licking township, Muskingum county, Ohio. Following their marriage the young couple removed to their present home farm, which Mr. Fleming had purchased in the previous September. The place comprises two hundred and thirty-four acres of rich and productive land and is as fine a farm as can be found in Licking county. He has erected thereon a handsome modern residence, of attractive style of architecture, has a substantial barn and all of the modern equipments and accessories of the model farm of the twentieth century.

Mr. Fleming is one of the stalwart advocates of the republican party where important national issues are involved, but at local elections, where the only consideration is the capability of the candidate, he frequently casts an independent ballot, for his is never a blind following of party leadership. For three years he served as a director of the Licking County Agricultural Society and is one of the leading representative men in this part of the state, standing as an active factor in farming and stock-raising interests. In partnership with his father he is one of the best known representatives of this business in Licking county and central Ohio and the years are registering for him an honorable and gratifying success.

WILLIAM H. SMITH.

William H. Smith is the president of the P. Smith Sons Lumber Company and is connected with various other business enterprises of benefit to the city. He belongs to that class of representative American men who in promoting individual success have also contributed in large measure to the general prosperity. One of Newark's native sons, he was born October 9, 1858, his parents being Patrick and Rose Ann (McDonald) Smith, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father came to the United States about 1844 when a young man and about 1846 took up his abode in Newark, coming down the old Ohio canal from Cleveland. He was married in this city, his wife having previously come from Ireland when sixteen years of age, locating first in Newark, New Jersey, after which she removed to Newark, Ohio. Patrick Smith worked on the railroad between Newark and Sandusky and during the period of its construction was made foreman. Later he became road master and so served until after the outbreak of the Civil war. In 1865 or 1866 he established himself in the lumber business, organizing the present

lumber interests now conducted under the name of the P. Smith Sons Lumber Company. This is today one of the oldest business enterprises of the city and from the beginning success has attended the efforts of those in charge. In 1878 the firm name was changed to P. Smith & Son on the admission of William H. Smith to a partnership and in 1896, following the father's death, the business was incorporated as the P. Smith Sons Lumber Company. As the years passed by the trade gradually increased and Patrick Smith became one of the prosperous residents of his adopted city. He was moreover recognized as a man of sterling worth and marked force of character and was frequently called to positions of public honor and trust. He held the office of city councilman for several years and was township trustee for a number of years. He likewise acted as a director of the Children's Home for some years and at all times was interested in everything pertaining to the welfare and progress of the community. He gave his political support to the democracy until the year of the Blaine campaign—1884—when he allied himself with the republican party and was afterward a staunch advocate of its principles. He held membership in the Catholic church and was a man of high moral worth, who never hesitated to express his convictions and stood fearlessly in support of what he believed to be right. He died in 1894 and the community mourned the loss of one whom it had come to know and respect as a man and citizen of genuine worth. His widow still survives and resides with her daughters, Fannie and Ollie, in this city.

William H. Smith spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his parents' home and obtained his early education in the public and parochial schools of Newark, while later he attended the De La Sala at Toronto, Canada. Following his return to Newark he entered his father's office and soon afterward was admitted to the business as a partner. This is today one of the oldest lumber yards of the city and an extensive patronage is enjoyed, owing to the straightforward business policy which has ever been followed and the enterprising methods which have characterized the conduct of the undertaking. Mr. Smith is moreover a stockholder and director in the Newark Trust Company and a stockholder and director of the Hanover Pressed Brick Company, of which he is also the vice president. He is also president of a retail lumber yard in Columbus, and is interested in several tracts of timber land and two sawmills in Tennessee. He has been president of the Board of Trade of Newark for a number of years and is justly accounted one of the leading business men of the city. During his administration as president of the Board of Trade he infused new life into Newark, doing most effective work in securing the establishment of industries here and in promoting the growth and development of the city along various lines.

In 1880 occurred the marriage of Mr. Smith and Miss Margaret Radigan, of Newark. They became the parents of two children, of whom one is now living, Emmett, who is in the office with his father. The wife and mother died about 1888 and ten years later Mr. Smith wedded Miss Estella Brennan, of Newark. Unto this marriage have been born four children: Gerald A., Mary E., Norvert W. and Martha Grace.

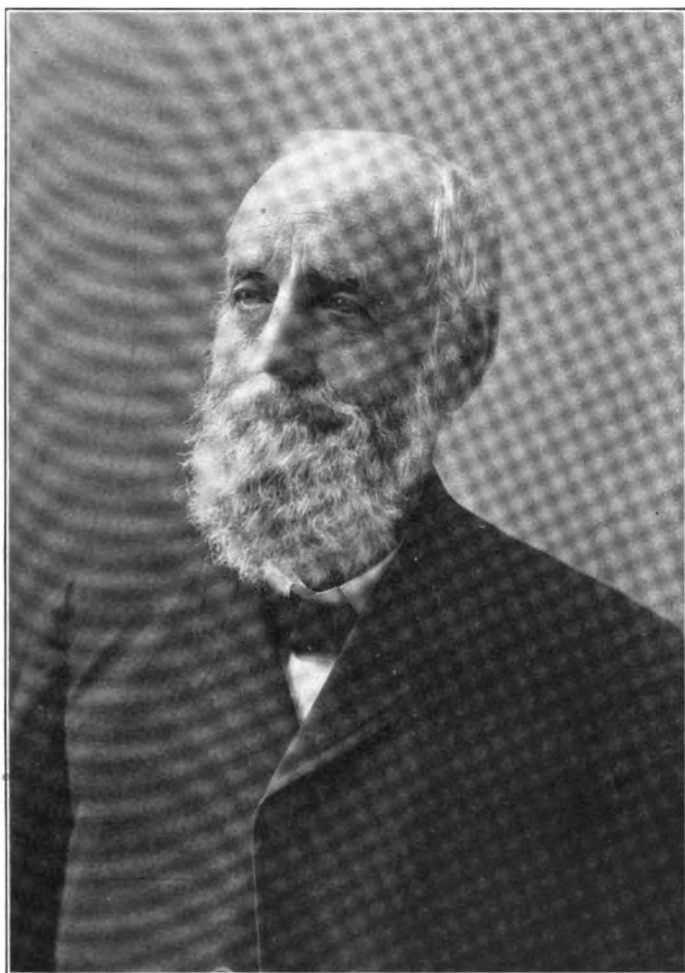
Mr. Smith belongs to Newark Lodge, No. 391, B. P. O. E., and is also connected with the Catholic Order of Foresters and with the Catholic church. He is independent in politics but is never remiss in the duties of citizenship, giving hearty and helpful cooperation to every movement that is calculated to benefit the

city along lines of substantial and material improvement. He today occupies a prominent place in commercial and financial circles and is honored and respected by all, not alone because of the prosperity which he has achieved but also owing to the straightforward methods he has ever followed in all of his business connections.

CHARLES T. CHAPIN.

Among the most honored and respected of the venerable citizens of Licking county is Charles T. Chapin, who was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, December 20, 1823. His father, Curtis S. Chapin, traced his ancestry back to Samuel Chapin, who was the founder of the family in America, coming to the new world from England in 1640. Charles T. Chapin is a representative in the seventh generation of the descendants of Deacon Samuel Chapin, one of the founders of Springfield, Massachusetts, where has been erected a celebrated statue to his memory. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Mary Bursiel and was a native of Massachusetts, representing in the maternal line the old Colby family of that state. Throughout his entire life Curtis S. Chapin was identified with the United States armory and he and his wife always remained residents of Springfield, Massachusetts. In the family were six sons and two daughters, of whom Charles T. was the seventh in order of birth and the only one that came to Ohio. His brother, Luther Chapin, spent most of his life in Philadelphia and was the first president of the state organization known as the American Mechanics' Association and was the first president of the national organization.

Charles T. Chapin spent the first sixteen years of his life as a pupil in the schools of Springfield, Massachusetts, and through the periods of vacation, from the age of ten years, was employed on a farm. His father was well-to-do, but the son preferred financial independence and thus provided for his own support after he had passed his first decade of life, during a portion of which time he worked in a cotton factory, there continuing for a year and a half. In 1840 he removed to Ohio, making his way to the Western Reserve. The trip was a business one for his father, who had shipped five thousand dollars' worth of mulberry trees to that district. Owing to the suspension of specie payment in 1839, however, the trees were left on Mr. Chapin's hands, as the purchasers could not make the required payments. Being pleased with the western district, Mr. Chapin determined to remain and in the spring of 1841 went to Akron, Ohio, where for four years he served an apprenticeship in a carriage shop. On the canal he made his way to Granville, where he arrived on the 1st of September, 1845. He had landed at Newark at midnight and had journeyed on foot to his destination, reaching the village by daylight. Hugh Sinnett was waiting for Mr. Chapin and invited him to join his Sunday school and there Mr. Chapin taught a class for six years. His work in the church at once established his place in the community, showing him to be a man of high and honorable purposes and upright life. Starting in business, he opened a carriage shop on the college grounds, doing general repair work for a year and a half. He also engaged in teaching school, for three months at thirteen dollars per month, and "boarded 'round" among the pupils. He also attended college and met the expenses of his college course through



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his own labors. After a year and a half spent in the preparatory department he devoted four years to the completion of a college course, earning his own way through teaching and by work in the shop. He was graduated in 1851, having completed the classical course, at which time the Bachelor of Arts degree was conferred upon him. He then left for the west with a good span of horses and three buggies which he had made. He stopped first at Bellefontaine and at Delphos, teaching school in both places. In 1856 he continued his westward way to Iowa, where he engaged in teaching for four years and then went to Kansas, where he also taught for a number of years. After farming for a time he started an apple nursery, being among the first to engage in that line of business in the locality. In other lines of activity he also became well known. He was elected and served as county superintendent of schools in Anderson county, Kansas, for four years, and for a time was engaged in merchandising, conducting a dry-goods and grocery store for three years.

He was in Kansas during the period of the Civil war and was in the Price raid. Afterward he engaged in merchandising in the Indian territory for two years. In 1881 he returned to Licking county and established his home on his present farm, which now comprises fifty-four acres, although at one time it was one hundred acres. It was formerly the property of his father-in-law and of his wife's grandfather, having been in possession of the family since 1812. It is pleasantly located a half mile north of Granville on the Mount Vernon road. For seven years Mr. Chapin engaged in the milk business in connection with general farming, but now rents his land, while he is living retired. He also spent one year in Colorado for his health.

In 1851 Mr. Chapin was married to Miss Emeline Rose, who was born April 24, 1830, and is a daughter of William Rose, who was the first male child born in the Granville colony, the date of his birth being October 23, 1806. He spent his entire life on the home farm and was a son of Levi Rose, one of the colony who came to Licking county from Granville, Massachusetts, arriving in the year 1805. Levi Rose was a captain in General Hull's army at the time Hull surrendered to the British at Detroit, Michigan. From that time forward until his death he was closely identified with farming interests in this part of the state. William Rose was reared amid the wild scenes and environments of pioneer life and after arriving at years of maturity he wedded Alexandria Atwood, a daughter of Squire Atwood. Unto them were born seven children, of whom two died in infancy, while Albert died as a soldier of the Civil war, Mrs. Chapin being one of the three surviving members of the family. Mrs. Chapin's parents and both grandmothers were members of the Baptist church. Her grandfather Rose was an Episcopalian, and though her grandfather Atwood was a professor of religion he did not belong to any church.

Fraternally Mr. Chapin is connected with the Masons. His life has ever been actuated by high and honorable principles and he has long been a prohibitionist who has done active campaign work for his party. He has ever been a believer in temperance principles and by precept and example has done much to further the cause. Since 1843 he has been a faithful and devoted member of the Baptist church, and Mrs. Chapin has been a member for sixty years. Mr. Chapin has acted as a teacher in the Sunday school for sixty years and for the past

quarter of a century has been a deacon in the Granville church. His life has at all times been honorable and upright, in consistent harmony with his religious professions. He has endeavored closely to follow the teachings of the Bible and now in the evening of his days he can look back over the past without regret and forward to the future without fear. All who know him appreciate the honesty of his motives and the sterling integrity of his conduct and he enjoys in the fullest degree the good will and trust of those with whom he has been associated through a long life of activity and usefulness.

THEODORE TAYLOR.

The Taylor family have for many years been identified with the agricultural interests of this part of the state, and upwards of a century ago some of its members were among the early pioneers of Licking county, locating here long before the marks of progress were to be seen, and when vast stretches of forest land greeted the sight in whatever direction one might look. Here they settled with practically nothing save health and vigor and a strong determination to get along in life, and by clearing away the forests in order to put the land in condition for cultivation and by contenting themselves with the meager comforts offered by log-cabin life, they were among those who helped to develop the natural resources of the county and who were instrumental, by their brain and muscle, in laying the foundation for the present high state of prosperity now enjoyed by the later generations who are tilling the soil made ready for the plow by their honest and unremitting labors. William Taylor, his grandfather, came to this county at a very early date, settling in Newark township, and among his children was Thomas, who followed farming here until he went to California in 1852 on a gold-seeking expedition. There he remained for five years, meeting with success in mining. He subsequently returned to Newark township, and now resides in the city of Newark. His wife, Victoria (Van Vorhees) Taylor, is a native of Muskingum county, where they were united in marriage. They reared a family of eight children, namely: Genevieve, widow of Charles W. Stewart; Arthur E., who resides in Newark township; Theodore; Emma D., who became the wife of Edwin G. Stewart; Louanna, wife of Edwin Randolph, an attorney of Newark, Ohio; Fulton Z., an official of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad; Lilian, who became the wife of George Chism, an agriculturist of Granville township; and Stanley, deceased.

Theodore Taylor was born in Licking township, May 8, 1865, and acquired his preliminary education in the district schools, subsequently completing an educational course in the city of Newark. He then retired to his farm which is situated in Licking township, and has since been engaged in general agriculture. He owns two hundred nineteen and one-half acres of land in Licking township,—part of the old Taylor estate,—and has the entire tract under cultivation, his premises being as highly improved as any in the vicinity, and aside from producing general crops he also takes an interest in stock-raising. In the pursuit of agriculture he has been quite successful, his returns having been such as to enable him to launch out farther in the business world, and he is a stockholder in the Licking County Bank & Trust Company, and as well in the Newark Trust Company.

The democratic party has always received the allegiance of Mr. Taylor, who is an advocate of all its policies and who after a thorough study of the merits of its platform in comparison with the principles of other political cults is firmly convinced of the wisdom of its policies. He is well spoken of throughout the township as a man of enterprise and one who is straightforward and honest in all his dealings, and merits a high place among the township's representative citizens.

DAVID H. BARRICK.

Through the avenue of agricultural activity David H. Barrick won substantial success and is now living retired in Newark. He was, however, for many years connected with general farming and his industry and capable management brought him gratifying success. He was born in Madison township, Licking county, November 25, 1842, and is a son of William N. and Elizabeth (McCrum) Barrick, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, where they were reared and married. About 1835 they became residents of Licking county, removing thither with their one child, who had been born in Pennsylvania. They located in Madison township, Mr. Barrick purchasing a farm of one hundred acres in Madison township, to which he afterward added another tract of one hundred acres adjoining his first purchase. There he tilled the soil and made his home until his death, which occurred October 30, 1891. His first wife had died about 1846 and later Mr. Barrick wedded Miss Sarah Oliver, who passed away in 1905. By his first marriage there were seven children but only two are now living, the sister of our subject being Mrs. Amanda Glaze, a resident of California.

David H. Barrick was reared on the home farm, the work of the fields early becoming familiar to him. His education was obtained in the common schools and on the 8th of September, 1861, when not yet nineteen years of age, he responded to the call to arms, enlisting as a member of Company H, Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Following the expiration of his three years' term of enlistment he veteranized and served until the close of the war, being mustered out on the 27th of July, 1865. The history of the Thirty-first Regiment is his war record, for he was always on duty, was never wounded nor never in a hospital for a day. This command was with Sherman on the memorable march to the sea and participated in many of the sanguinary conflicts which in the course of time led to the suppression of the rebellion in the south and the establishment of the Union upon a firmer basis than ever before.

Following his return home Mr. Barrick assisted in the further development and improvement of the farm up to the time of his marriage, which was celebrated on the 20th of January, 1870, Miss Catherine S. O'Bannon, of Madison township becoming his wife. They took up their abode upon the Davis farm of two hundred and fifty acres, a half mile east of Newark, for which he paid a cash rental of one thousand dollars per annum, agreeing also to keep up the fences and pay the taxes. Notwithstanding this high rental he made money and remained upon the farm for fifteen years. As time passed on his labors brought him a handsome competence and he then retired, purchasing property adjoining the city of Newark, whereon he erected a residence and has since made his home, enjoying now a well earned rest.

In 1896 Mr. Barrick was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 9th of May of that year. On the 28th of July, 1898, he was again married, his second union being with Miss Ella Rowe, of Franklin township, Licking county, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Irwin) Rowe, who were also natives of the same township. Her father is now deceased but the mother yet survives and is living in Newark. There have been two children born of the second marriage, Charles David and Irene May, twins, but the former died when only thirteen months old. Mr. and Mrs. Barrick have many warm friends in the community, occupying an enviable position in the regard of those who know them. Mr. Barrick is a republican in politics but has never been an office seeker, although for seventeen years he served continuously as a trustee of Madison township, being called to this position by his fellow citizens who have recognized the value and worth of his services. He is one of the representative men of the county, well deserving of mention in this volume.

FRANCIS P. KENNEDY.

Honored and respected by all, there is no man who occupies a more enviable position in commercial and financial circles in Licking county than does Francis P. Kennedy, the president of the Newark Trust Company. This is due not alone to the success he has achieved, although the result of his labors entitles him to distinction, but also to the honorable, straightforward business methods he has ever followed. He possesses much of the initiative spirit in that he has formulated new plans and has carried them forward to successful completion. He readily recognizes the possibilities for combining forces so as to produce the desired results, and throughout his entire business career he has displayed a strict conformity to commercial ethics that has gained him the highest respect.

Mr. Kennedy is yet a young man, his birth having occurred in Wheeling, West Virginia, July 3, 1872, his parents being Patrick and Angela (Hallisy) Kennedy, the former a native of Claine, a village located near Dublin, Ireland, and the latter of Coshocton county, Ohio. Coming to America in 1847, the father located in Wheeling, West Virginia, and for about fifty years successfully conducted business as a dry-goods merchant, retiring in 1893. He is now enjoying the well earned rest and fruits of his former toil on his fine estate located near Elm Grove, a suburb of Wheeling, West Virginia. His property holdings are extensive and he is also interested in the large steel mills of that city.

Francis P. Kennedy was well qualified for life's practical and responsible duties by a liberal education. He pursued his studies at Holy Cross College of Worcester, Massachusetts, St. Michael's College of Toronto, Canada, from which institution he graduated in the classical course in 1894, and Georgetown University at Washington, D. C., where he pursued a law course, being graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Law in 1897. The following year he was admitted to the bar at Columbus and entered upon active practice in Newark, remaining an active member of the legal profession here for six years. His knowledge of law has been of much value to him since he turned his attention to other lines of business.



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He stands today as one of the prominent representatives of business activities in Newark, possessing a strong purpose and undaunted enterprise which have led him into active relations with important undertakings. In 1903, in association with the late Timothy O. Donovan and other representative business men, he organized the Newark Trust Company, which is now the largest bank in Licking county, or this part of the state. For two years he served as its vice president and was then elected president in the place of the first president of the company, the late Timothy O. Donovan, who resigned from the office on account of failing health. As president he has bent his energies toward administrative direction and executive control with the result that the business has developed rapidly along substantial lines and now takes second place to no institution of the kind in this part of the state. Mr. Kennedy superintended the construction of the magnificent office building erected in 1906-07 by the Newark Trust Company. It largely stands as a monument to his progressive spirit and determination and no city of similar size in the United States can boast of a structure of such size, architectural beauty and magnificence.

Aside from his interest in the Newark Trust Company Mr. Kennedy is a director and treasurer of the American Tribune, a director and treasurer of the Sherwood Improvement Company, a director of the Licking Light and Power Company, a director of the Arcade Realty Company, director of the Midland Mutual Life Insurance Company of Columbus, director of the South Side Lumber Company of Columbus, a director of the Newark Board of Trade and of other enterprises which have benefited by his sound judgment and keen sagacity.

On the 30th of January, 1902, Mr. Kennedy was married to Miss Grace Frances Fleek, a daughter of the late John S. Fleek, of Newark, and they have two children, Angela, five years of age; and Francis P., a year old. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy occupy a prominent position in the social circles of the city and Mr. Kennedy is interested in all that pertains to municipal progress and to substantial improvement in Newark. He is preeminently a man of affairs and one who is wielding a wide influence. He has utilized his native talents to the best advantage, has recognized and improved opportunities others have passed by heedlessly and by concentrated and continued effort has reached the enviable position which he today occupies in financial circles in central Ohio.

JAMES ALBERT STALTER.

James Albert Stalter, well known throughout Licking county as a stock-raiser, particularly as a breeder of Poland-China hogs and Ayrshire cattle, his place being known as the Maple Grove stock farm, was born in Etna township, August 15, 1862, in the home in which he now resides. His grandparents, John and Magdalena (Knittle) Stalter, the former a native of Pennsylvania, removed from Fairfield county to Allen county, Ohio, where he purchased two hundred acres of land, one-half of which was covered with excellent timber. There he followed farming and there both departed this life. In their family were nine children: Delilah, Israel, Mary, George W., Katherine, Sarah, Samuel, Rebecca, and John.

George W. Stalter, father of J. A. Stalter, was born in Fairfield county, December 24, 1831, and remained on his father's farm in Allen county until he was twenty-six years of age. On February 18, 1858, he wedded Lydia Blouser, a native of Fairfield county, where she was born December 26, 1837, the Blouser family having gone to Fairfield county from Virginia at an early day. Her parents, Daniel and Phoebe (Grimm) Blouser, came to Etna township about the year 1845, where they entered a tract of land and pursued agriculture until they entered into rest. To Mr. and Mrs. Stalter have been born: Phoebe Ann, who died in infancy; James Albert, of this review; Delilah Katherine, who was born here January 23, 1865, and entered into rest October 28, 1867; Adeline, who departed this life in her third year; and John William Henry, whose birth occurred June 22, 1870.

In the district schools of this township James A. Stalter acquired his education and resided with his parents until he was united in marriage, soon after which he came to his present home, which is owned by his father and contains one hundred and seventy acres of land situated on the National pike one-half mile west of Etna. Here he pursues general agriculture, making stock-raising a specialty, breeding hogs, cattle and horses, having at present one of the finest herds of thoroughbred Poland-China hogs in the county, and also a herd of Ayrshire cattle which cannot be surpassed in the state, while his horses are also high-bred registered stock. His knowledge of the stock business he acquired from his father, who is recognized as an authority in this line, and his son, having also devoted his entire life to the same business, has an experience in the breeding of hogs, cattle and horses which enables him to bring his stock to the highest point of perfection.

On September 9, 1886, Mr. Stalter wedded Mary Ermine Long, a native of Reynoldsburg, Franklin county, where she was born August 31, 1866. She is a daughter of James Harrison and Minerva (Grubbs) Long, who now reside in Columbus, Ohio, and with them she resided until she was united in marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Stalter have the following children: Carrie Acleava; William Albert; Harold L.; George Harrison; Alma, who passed away in infancy; and Pauline Edith. Mr. Stalter belongs to Pataskala Lodge No. 404, A. F. & A. M., and Evergreen Lodge No. 238, I. O. O. F., of Etna, and in company with the members of his family he attends divine services at the Methodist Episcopal church. He is favorably known throughout the township for his enterprise and the interest he takes in local affairs, and his daily life and business methods are such as to enable him to stand high in the community, of which he is a substantial representative.

DAVID H. PIGG.

David H. Pigg, a prosperous and well-known citizen of Licking county, now living retired in Newark, was born on the old family homestead in Madison township, this county, on the 22d of June, 1847. His parents, George and Jane (Knox) Pigg, were both natives of Cumberland county, England, where they were reared and upon reaching American shores made their way to Licking county, Ohio, and married. Six months after their wedding they set sail for the United States locating on a farm in Madison township in 1834. The father first rented what is

now known as the Wilson property, but, meeting with success in his operations, he was eventually justified in making a purchase of land, and at the time of his death had accumulated two hundred acres of valuable farming property. He and his wife were devoted and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church, the father dying in that faith, September 16, 1862, when he was sixty-three years of age; while his wife, surviving for about two decades, passed away in 1882, at the age of seventy-three. They were well-known pioneers of the county, highly respected in the locality where they resided for so long a period. They had a family of four sons: Charles A., who resides in Madison township; William, who also makes his home in that township; George T., a successful agriculturist of Madison township; and David H., of this review.

The last named was reared under the parental roof and supplemented his common school education by a course of study in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, this state. Subsequently he began reading law in the office of Smythe & Sprague, of Newark, and finished the prescribed course of study, but never applied for admission to the bar. He then received his share of the family estate, which was divided about this time, and determined to devote his time and energies to an agricultural career, remaining on the farm until the year 1887. During this period he served for twenty-five years as justice of the peace, his decisions being ever strictly fair and impartial. In 1887 he came to Newark, and five years later was elected to the office of justice of the peace, in which he capably served for six years. On the expiration of that period he was appointed a member of the board of county commissioners, when the law came into effect extending the term of office from two to three years. At the end of that time he was regularly elected to the office, and three years later was reelected, so that his term of service covered altogether seven years. Since retiring from the position, he has lived in Newark, in the enjoyment of well-earned rest, and is widely recognized as one of the most substantial, respected and public-spirited citizens of the community.

In 1876 Mr. Pigg was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Avery, a daughter of James Avery, one of the pioneer settlers of Newark. They now have three children, namely: Mary K., at home; Harry, who is employed in the interurban express service; and Helen, who is now attending Denison University.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, Mr. Pigg has supported the men and measures of the democracy and is a stalwart advocate of its principles. He is a worthy representative of an esteemed pioneer family of Licking county and is widely and favorably known within its borders, his entire life having here been usefully and honorably spent.

DAVID H. EMSWELLER.

David H. Emsweller, a prominent factor in the official and business life of Homer, is now conducting a general mercantile establishment. In all that he does he is imbued with the spirit of enterprise and progress that enables him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He was born in Indiana, December 15, 1864, and is a son of David and Elizabeth (Keys) Emsweller, of whose family of six children all are yet living. The parents were natives of Rock-

ingham county, Virginia, where they were reared, educated and married, and on seeking a home elsewhere they went to Indiana, where they resided for a short time. In 1866 they came to Homer, Licking county, where they have resided since. The father is a plasterer by trade, and, though now in his seventy-sixth year, is still an active man who to some extent yet follows his business. His wife, now in her seventy-eighth year, is also active, both physically and mentally, and they are one of the interesting couples of the earlier generation in this county. Mr. Emsweller gives his political support to the democracy and has served in some of the township offices, the duties of which he capably and efficiently discharged. For the past eight years he has filled the position of constable. His wife is a member of the Baptist church.

David H. Emsweller, reared in his parents' home, is indebted to the public school system for his educational opportunities. In his youth he assisted his father, and thus learned the plasterer's trade, at which he continued to work until 1906. In that year he turned his attention to general merchandising, and now conducts a well-appointed store in Homer, carrying a good stock, with which he meets the demands of the trade. In 1904 his wife made application for the position of post-mistress of Homer, and the appointment was obtained with practically no opposition.

On the 10th of January, 1889, Mr. Emsweller was married to Miss Sadie E. Harrington, a daughter of Joseph Harrington, of Morgan township, Knox county, Ohio. They have become parents of a daughter and a son: Hazel Dell, now the wife of Harry Stratton, of Lancaster, Ohio; and Harry Leo, who is attending the Bliss business college, of Newark. Mr. Emsweller is a member of Burlington Lodge No. 551, Knights of Pythias. His wife holds membership in the Baptist church, and labored most earnestly, effectively and untiringly toward securing the erection of the new house of worship in Homer. They are both highly esteemed, having a wide acquaintance, and they enjoy the warm friendship of a great majority of those with whom they have been brought in contact.

ADAM FLEEK.

The commercial history of Newark would be incomplete and unsatisfactory were there failure to make personal and extended reference to Adam Fleek, who was one of the early business men of this city and the promoter of interests which still constitute a factor in commercial development and prosperity here. He was born in Hampshire county, Virginia, now Mineral county, West Virginia, on the 11th of March, 1803, and was one of a family of eighteen children, all of whom reached adult age. His boyhood and youth were passed at the place of his nativity and in April, 1826, he arrived in Newark, being then a young man of twenty-three years. He believed that the growing west—for such this section of the country was then regarded—offered better opportunities than the older settled districts of the east, and accordingly he came to Ohio. For more than a half century he was a resident of Newark, and by reason of his constantly expanding powers he figured prominently in the business development of the city. He first engaged in hauling stone for the old aqueduct at the building of the Ohio canal—



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an important public project at that time, for waterways constituted the means of transportation, as the railroads were not yet a factor in the public life of the country. Mr. Fleek afterward turned his attention to the milling business under the firm name of Fleek & Harrison, establishing a mill which stood at the end of Church street, on the site now occupied by the Montgomery mill. He was also associated with the conduct of a packet line on the canal between Newark and Cleveland, thus becoming associated with shipping interests. His importance as a factor in business affairs constantly increased, for he recognized and improved opportunities and stood as an example of that progressive spirit which has constantly promoted the growth and development of the city. During his long continued residence in Newark he aided in laying broad and deep the foundation for its present substantial growth. His career was characterized by industry, energy and enterprise, and he also displayed great tact and shrewdness in the control of business affairs. Few, if any, of the residents of Licking county at his day had greater success in the management of business interests. Though very decided in his opinions on religious questions, as he was on all interests of general moment that claimed public consideration, he yet held his views in a spirit of toleration and not in narrow, contracted bigotry. His membership was with the Second Presbyterian church of Newark, and he contributed largely toward the erection of its attractive house of worship. He married Alla Lord Sherwood, a daughter of Robert Sherwood, who, in 1807, purchased the site where the Sherwood Hotel now stands and became one of the men of distinction in this part of the state. The death of Adam Fleek occurred August 20, 1877, and the year thus chronicled the loss of one of the most valued citizens and business men of Newark. His life was so active and so far-reaching in its results that he left an indelible impression of his individuality upon the history of the community. There were two daughters of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Fleek: Martha, the deceased wife of Virgil H. Wright, organizer of the First National Bank of Newark; and Mary Elizabeth, the wife of Matthew Newkirk. The daughters and their husbands, however, have all passed away. The youngest son of the family was William Henry Fleek, who enlisted for service in the Union army while a student at Marietta College. He was taken prisoner at Harpers Ferry by the troops under Stonewall Jackson, and after being exchanged returned home. He then took up the study of law, but died here before his admission to the bar.

John Sherwood Fleek, son of Adam and Alla Lord (Sherwood) Fleek, was born in Newark in 1837, attended the public schools and entered business life here. In 1861, when a young man of twenty-four years, he became connected with mercantile interests and was thus associated up to the time of his death. In that year he established a wholesale grocery house, organizing the business along safe, substantial lines, and promoting its growth in succeeding years by his careful management and executive ability. He formed his plans readily, was determined in their execution, and based his business principles and actions upon rules which govern strict and unswerving integrity. He carried on the business successfully for twenty-three years, or until his death, which occurred in 1883. In early manhood he had married Martha Grace Lang, and unto them were born five children, but George William, the eldest, is now dead. The second son, Henry Sherwood, married Miss Fannie Moore, and they have one child, John Sherwood. Alice

Graham married William C. Miller, the secretary and treasurer of the Licking County Bank. Grace Frances is the wife of Francis P. Kennedy, president of the Newark Trust Company, and John Lang is deceased.

Upon the death of the father the wholesale grocery house which he established and conducted along lines leading to excellent results, became the property of his son, Henry S. Fleek, and two associates, Henry C. Strong and William W. Neal. The firm name of Fleek, Strong & Company was assumed and the enterprise was thus conducted until 1893, when the present firm of Fleek & Neal was formed. The house has ever remained one of the foremost commercial institutions of the city, its policy being such as to commend it at all times to the confidence of the business public. Absolute fairness is maintained toward employes as well as patrons, and the former know that faithfulness and merit will be rewarded by promotion as opportunity offers. The house has ever sustained an unassailable reputation for commercial integrity and has long been recognized as one of the foremost commercial enterprises of this part of the state.

HAMLIN S. MONTGOMERY.

The student of history cannot carry his investigations far into the annals of Licking county without becoming cognizant of the fact that the Montgomery family for an entire century has been associated with the development and progress of this part of the state, bearing an active and helpful part in the work of general improvement. Hamlin S. Montgomery is one of the substantial farmers of Perry township, and one of the honored and venerable citizens, for he has attained the age of seventy-nine years. He was born June 15, 1830, in the house which is still his home, it being one of the old landmarks of the county. His parents were Henry and Mary (Grimes) Montgomery, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Virginia. The only brother of our subject is Milton Montgomery, now living in Perry township. The father was born in 1790, and when a lad of ten years was brought by his parents to the United States, the family home being established in Virginia, where he was reared to the age of twenty years. At that time he was married, and in 1810, immediately following his marriage, he came to Licking county. It was still a frontier district in which much of the land was uncultivated, while in many lines of work, progress and improvement seemed scarcely begun. The city of Newark was but a small town, and several of the thriving towns and villages of the county had not yet sprung into existence. Mr. Montgomery settled on Bowling Green, in Madison township, and afterward removed to Perry township, where his later years were passed. He was always interested in the progress of the community, and lent his aid and influence for its substantial development, and the work which he instituted has been carried on by the subject of this review, who at all times has been interested in general improvement.

Among the oldest of Licking county's native sons, Hamlin S. Montgomery was reared on the home farm, and early assumed the arduous task of developing the new fields. He acquired his education in the pioneer log schoolhouse, with its slab benches and puncheon floor. Only a few branches of learning were taught,

but Mr. Montgomery became proficient enough in his studies to take up the profession of teaching, and for four winters he taught in the district schools, working in the summer months on the farm. He early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops, and continued to aid in the work of the home place until the death of his father, when the farm, comprising one hundred and five acres, was inherited by him. He thereafter continued to make the place his home, and he remains a resident to the present time. He owns two hundred acres of rich and productive land in St. Albans township, and two hundred acres in Hanover township, having three hundred and ten acres in the home farm. His landed possessions, therefore, are quite large, and everything about his place is indicative of the careful supervision of an owner whose ideas are progressive and efforts practical. Industry has always been the watchword of Mr. Montgomery, and because of this he has prospered and is today one of the substantial agriculturists of the county.

Mr. Montgomery has been married twice, and by his first union had two children, Stanley W., who is cultivating the St. Albans township farm belonging to his father, and Edwin W., who is operating the home place. In 1902 Mr. Montgomery wedded Miss Rebecca Channel, an accomplished lady and a daughter of Alpheus Channel, of this county. Mr. Montgomery is one whose memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. He can in recollection go back to the time when the homes were widely scattered and when much of the land was still uncultivated. Those were the days of log-cabins, of spinning-wheels and of cradles, of homespun garments and of tallow candles. The conditions of life have truly changed, and at all times Mr. Montgomery has favored progressive ideas and modern, believing that man should continually advance, for each generation is benefited by the experiences and by the energies of the preceding generations. Therefore he has taken an active interest in the work of general improvement and has kept in touch with all those interests which have worked for the benefit of the community at large.

F. E. CORKWELL, D. O.

Dr. F. E. Corkwell is connected with that method of practice which recent scientific investigation has given to the world, and the value of which time has attested. As a representative of osteopathic healing he has secured a liberal patronage and that his labors have been followed by gratifying results in the restoration of health is shown by the fact that his business is continually growing.

Dr. Corkwell is a native of Mount Sterling, Ohio, born July 12, 1873. His parents are G. W. and Elizabeth E. (Lester) Corkwell, both natives of Pickaway county, Ohio. The father has devoted his life to the occupation of farming and is now living near Mount Sterling.

Reared on the old homestead farm in Pickaway county, Dr. Corkwell divided his time in his youthful days between the work of the fields, the duties of the school room and the pleasures of the playground. Later he continued his education in the Ohio Normal University and was graduated in 1895 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. For five years he devoted his energies to teaching in Pickaway county

and proved a capable educator, but becoming interested in the science of osteopathy he began studying along that line in 1900, and in 1902 was graduated from the parent school at Kirksville, Missouri. The same year he returned to Newark for practice and has remained here continuously since. The rapid growth of his business necessitated his taking in a partner, and in 1906 he was joined by Dr. W. I. Joss, a former classmate. He has most thorough knowledge of anatomy and the component parts of the human body and his professional labors have been attended by a gratifying measure of success. He is a member of both the state and national osteopathic associations.

In 1907 Dr. Corkwell was married to Miss Ruth Speer, a daughter of Dr. A. T. Speer, a medical practitioner of Newark. Dr. Corkwell is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic lodge, of Newark, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church. He is known for his fearless devotion to whatever he believes to be his duty and is a conscientious, capable practitioner whose worth as a citizen is also prized, for his cooperation can be counted upon to further any measure that tends to promote public progress.

ANDREW BEARD.

Andrew Beard, well known in agricultural circles in Licking county, where for many years he has followed farming, his present place being located on the National road, a quarter of a mile east of Jacksontown, was born in Licking township, January 10, 1835, a son of Thomas and Rachael (Pitser) Beard. His father, who also followed farming here, reared the following children: Joseph; Annie Anderson; Margaret, deceased; Andrew; Maria, deceased; Kate Detro, deceased; Sarah Catlin; John; James; and Rachael Vail. The last two are also deceased.

Andrew Beard was reared to agricultural life on his father's farm, during his boyhood days becoming familiar with the various departments of husbandry and availing himself of the educational advantages of the district school. Upon finishing his studies he settled down to the pursuit of agriculture, since he preferred this to any other vocation in life, and he has since been engaged in general farming and stock breeding. His long experience in tilling the soil has made him an expert in the production of general crops, he being as well versed in crop rotation and the nature of soils as any man in the county. His farm, which is provided with all modern improvements, is in every respect indicative of thrift and progress, and is one of the best for general agriculture and stock purposes in the township. Mention should not be omitted of the fact that during the Civil strife in this country Mr. Beard was ready to defend the honor of his country, and as captain of the home guard militia took an active part in the war of the rebellion.

On September 14, 1857, Mr. Beard wedded Eliza Helen Headley, at the home of her parents in the village of Jacksontown, Ohio. Her father, Uzal Headley, was born in New Jersey, October 17, 1795, and for many years was proprietor of a hotel in the above named town, and his marriage to Elizabeth Beem, a native of



ANDREW BEARD

Maryland, born November 28, 1797, was celebrated April 10, 1823, her death having occurred at the residence of the subject of this review, December 11, 1886, while her husband entered into rest in Jacksontown, Ohio, November 5, 1871. His parents lived at Jersey, Ohio, for some time and also at Zanesville, this state, before locating on their farm in Jacksontown, and among their children were: Phoebe, Gamaliel, Jane, Elizabeth, Eliza, Sarah, Martha, Helom and Marilla. Mr. and Mrs. Beard reared a family of six children. Charrie, the eldest, was born July 11, 1858, and on January 8, 1880, married O. N. Wolcott, a physician of Columbus, Ohio, to whom were born Oliver, deceased, Andrew Walter, Shepherd, deceased, Helen and Ethel. Lua, born March 29, 1861, wedded W. E. Wallace, engaged in farming, printing and the insurance business, near Jacksontown, Ohio. They have three children, Mabel E., Helen M., and William Andrew. Etta, born April 14, 1863, was united in marriage to W. O. Coryell, a merchant of Columbus, Ohio, on December 2, 1890. E. V., who was born April 14, 1867, and is engaged in merchandising in Jacksontown, Ohio, was married October 30, 1889, to Maggie Stewart. She died on August 9, eleven years later, being survived by two children, Lura E., and Charrie R. On October 9, 1902, E. V. Beard married Oda Fulk, to which union was born one child, Elsie E., deceased. Glennie, born February 23, 1871, and is a music teacher of Jacksontown, Ohio, was married February 11, 1892, to A. E. Lewis, and has one child, Helen B. Franklin A., born October 22, 1879, is a machinist of Columbus, this state. He wedded Zula Cummins, November 28, 1901, and to them have been born the following children: Mary F., John Andrew and Glennetta.

Mr. Beard has been quite prominent in the affairs of this county, having served as administrator and executor and while performing the duties of that office settled up more than fifteen estates. For twelve years he was a member of the board of education of the Jacksontown independent school system, being one of the five men who made the Jacksontown school independent, having been treasurer of the board, and for nineteen years he officiated as treasurer of this township. He has always been deeply interested in every movement pertaining to husbandry and for fourteen years was a director of the Licking County Agricultural society, for four years of which period he was president of the organization. As to his religious affiliations he was reared by Methodist parents but subsequently severed his relations with the Methodist church, and now attends the Fairmount Presbyterian church. He has always enjoyed an excellent reputation throughout the county, in the business and public affairs of which he is a prominent factor.

ALLEN COBURN, M. D.

Dr. Allen Coburn, successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Homer, was born in Becketts, Washington county, Ohio, July 17, 1869, a son of Leonidas J. and Susan (Swift) Coburn. The father's birth occurred in Morgan county, Ohio, in 1831, his parents being Nicholas and Elizabeth Coburn, who came to this state from Massachusetts, where they were born. After his marriage, Leonidas J. Coburn located on a farm in Morgan county, Ohio, across the river

from Becketts, and there he still resides, but in 1895 was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife. His time and energies have been devoted to general agricultural pursuits, with the result that he has obtained a good living for himself and family. He has also been somewhat prominent in community affairs, serving for nine years as county commissioner. He also filled the office of justice of the peace; has served on the school board, and has occupied other official positions to which his fellow townsmen have called him, recognizing his genuine worth and public-spirited devotion to the general good. He is quite prominent locally in republican circles and has always given his political support to that party.

Dr. Coburn was reared upon his father's farm, and his early education was obtained in the district schools. He afterward attended the preparatory school in California, Ohio, and at the age of eighteen years began teaching school, which profession he followed for three years. Subsequently he entered Marietta college, at Marietta, Ohio, from which he was graduated with the class of 1901, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Following the completion of his literary course, which has served as a foundation for his professional knowledge, he took up the study of medicine, and in the following autumn entered the Starling Medical College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1905. On leaving the medical college, he entered upon the active practice of his profession in Licking county, where he has built up a remunerative business. He is very careful in the diagnosis of his cases, and seldom if ever is at fault in predicting the final outcome. He discharges all of his duties with a sense of conscientious obligation that is based upon a thorough knowledge of the responsibility that devolves upon him.

In 1897 Dr. Coburn was married to Miss Anna McKibben, of Roxbury, Morgan county, Ohio, and they now have two children, Elsie J. and Nicholas W. Dr. Coburn belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the Knights of Pythias, and the Maccabees, and he is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He is making steady progress in his profession, and in all that he does is actuated by a desire to render capable service to his fellowmen who give him their trust in a professional capacity. His reading and research have been broad and varied, and thus he has continuously added to his knowledge and promoted the value of his work.

LUCIUS V. HOYT.

Lucius V. Hoyt, a well known pioneer of Licking county, was for a long period identified with its business interests, but is now living retired, merely giving his time to his invested interests. He was born in a log cabin in Perry township, April 12, 1835, a son of Sillick and Margaret (Stateler) Hoyt. It is supposed that the father was born in New Jersey, for he accompanied his parents from that state to Licking county at an early day, the family home being established north of Newark in Newark township. The father later removed to Hanover township, his last years being spent in Hanover and Perry townships, his death occurring March 28, 1843, when he was fifty-three years and three months of age. The

mother was born in Zanesville, Ohio, and removed with her parents to Licking county, their home being established in Hanover township. This was in pioneer times, when the Indians were more numerous than the white settlers and when many inconveniences had to be endured. The maternal grandmother has oftentimes gone to mill at Zanesville with a bag of wheat thrown across a horse's back and with two children, one riding in front of her and the other behind her. Provisions were very high, a bushel of wheat being given in exchange for a pound of salt, while other articles were sold in proportion. The mother of our subject died April 18, 1890, when she had reached the very advanced age of eighty-eight years and five months.

Lucius V. Hoyt was reared in much the usual manner of farm lads of that period, his time being given to the work of the fields during the spring and summer months, while a short time during the winter seasons was devoted to the acquirement of an education in one of the old-time log schoolhouses, with puncheon floor and slab benches, while the desks were constructed of boards supported by wooden pins driven between the logs which formed the side walls. The methods of instruction, too, were equally primitive. He remained on the home farm until he attained mature years, and, thinking to find other pursuits more congenial than farm labor, on the 24th of December, 1857, he engaged in the mercantile business in Reform, being thus engaged for forty-nine years. During his long connection with trade interests he built up a large patronage and thus became a prosperous business man. In 1861, in connection with his mercantile interests, he began buying wool and became one of the largest dealers in this commodity in this section of Ohio. In his business dealings he was always straightforward and honorable, and the success which he achieved was thus well deserved. He has invested his capital in farming property and now gives his attention to this interest, but is practically living retired, having disposed of his mercantile interests in 1906.

Mr. Hoyt has been twice married. He was first married in 1864, the lady of his choice being Miss Isabelle Denman, a daughter of Hathaway Denman, one of the early settlers of Perry township. Mr. Denman was a young man when he came to Licking county from New Jersey and established his home in the forests of Perry township, where he cleared a small tract of land and erected a log cabin, thus becoming one of the pioneer settlers of this section of Ohio. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt was blessed with five children, namely: Ada J., Maggie J. and Blanche D., all of whom have departed this life; Maud L., the wife of John W. Riley, a resident of Muskingum county, this state; and Arthur, who is a merchant at Perryton. The wife and mother was called to her final rest on the 29th of September, 1896. On the 13th of September, 1908, Mr. Hoyt was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Anna R. Arnold, the widow of John H. Arnold. She bore the maiden name of Denman, being a sister of Mr. Hoyt's first wife. By her former marriage Mrs. Hoyt had one daughter, Ada L., now the wife of Bernard Freeman, of San Jose, California.

Mr. Hoyt's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give stalwart support to the men and measures of democracy. For a number of years he served as postmaster of Reform, but otherwise has filled no public offices. He has lived to witness many changes in this section from the period of

his boyhood to the present time, for he can well remember when Licking county was but sparsely settled and one had to travel long distances to the city markets. He has, however, not only been an interested witness but an active participant in the work of reform and improvement and feels a just pride in the work that has been accomplished.

ROBBINS HUNTER.

Robbins Hunter is one of the younger attorneys of Newark, yet his years seem no bar to his progress, for already he has attained prominence and success that many an older lawyer might well envy. He was born in this city September 23, 1880, his parents being Samuel M. and Iva (Robbins) Hunter, natives of Ohio. The father came from Cadiz, Harrison county, Ohio, in 1863 and practiced law in Newark until his death, which occurred February 20, 1907. He was recognized as one of the leading practitioners of the Licking county bar, having made careful preparation, while, at the same time, he had thorough appreciation of the absolute ethics of life and of the underlying principles which form the basis of all human rights and privileges. He served as city solicitor, as prosecuting attorney and as judge of the Court of Common Pleas and his decisions indicated strong mentality, careful analysis and an unbiased judgment. Moreover, his keen business discernment and enterprise constituted features in the successful conduct of various important business interests. He was a director and stockholder in the old Franklin Bank, also the Franklin National Bank, was a stockholder in the Advocate Printing Company, a director of the Newark Telephone Company and a stockholder and director of the Edward H. Everett Company. The Masonic fraternity found in him an exemplary member and passing through various degrees of the York Rite he became a Knight Templar. He was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Red Men and the Elks, and his brethren of those fraternities found in him one who was loyal to their beneficent spirit and teachings concerning the universal brotherhood of mankind. At the time of the Civil war he became a soldier, serving in Ohio when Morgan made his raid into the north. He afterward became a very prominent and influential member of the Grand Army of the Republic, taking an active interest in its work and doing all in his power to further the welfare of his old comrades in arms. Progress and patriotism might well be termed the keynote of his character, for they were manifest in all of his relations. His widow still survives and is yet a resident of Newark.

Robbins Hunter acquired his early intellectual training in the Newark schools, continuing his studies until he became a high-school student. He afterwards spent a year in the Fishburn Military School at Waynesboro, Virginia, which he entered in 1897, and later he matriculated in the Denison University at Granville, Ohio, there completing his literary education. In preparation for the practice of law he pursued his reading for two years with his father as his preceptor and then completed his law course in the Ohio State University. In 1903 he was admitted to practice and formed a partnership with his father under the firm



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style of Hunter & Hunter, which relation was continued until the father's death, since which time Robbins Hunter has practiced alone. In a profession where influence avails little or naught, advancement depending entirely upon individual effort, he has worked his way steadily upward. His reputation as a lawyer has been won through earnest, honest labor and his standing at the bar is a merited tribute to his ability.

Aside from professional lines Mr. Hunter is well known in business circles of the city, being a director and stockholder in the Edward H. Everett Company, and also interested in the Advocate Printing Company, the Franklin National Bank and the Newark Telephone Company.

On the 19th of November, 1903, Mr. Hunter was married to Miss Katharine Burner, of Newark, and they have one son, Robbins, born August 25, 1905. The parents are communicants of the Episcopal church and Mr. Hunter belongs to the Licking County Bar Association, the Masonic fraternity, the Red Men and the Woodmen—associations which indicate much of the character of his interests and the principles which govern his life.

B. FRANK BARNES, M. D.

B. Frank Barnes, engaged in the general practice of medicine, and giving much attention to surgery, has never been content with the second best but has always labored to reach a high standard in his profession, with the result that his work has been crowned with gratifying and enviable success. A native of Holmes county, Ohio, he was born August 10, 1865. His father, Moses Barnes, was a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1800, and during the pioneer epoch in the history of Ohio he came to this state with his father, who entered a claim from the government. It was upon this farm that Dr. Barnes was born. For many years Moses Barnes carried on general agricultural pursuits, becoming one of the representative agriculturists of the community. He died in 1885 at the age of eighty-five years, while his wife survived until 1894, passing away at the age of seventy-two. She bore the maiden name of Mary Cooper, and was also a native of the Keystone state.

Dr. Barnes, after mastering the branches of learning taught in the public schools, continued his education in the Ohio Normal University at Ada, and then taught school for several years in Holmes and Coshocton counties. He devoted six years to that profession, but regarded it only as a preliminary step to other professional labor for, desiring to become a member of the medical profession, he began reading toward that end in 1891, and was graduated from the medical department of the University of Wooster in 1895, having pursued the full course of study in that institution. Thus well qualified for the onerous duties of the profession, he began practice in Hemlock, Perry county, Ohio, where he remained for seven years, and in 1902 he removed to Newark, after pursuing a post-graduate course in New York. He had also taken post-graduate work in the eastern metropolis in 1900, and in 1906 pursued post-graduate study in Chicago. He has always remained a student of his profession, and his knowledge is now

comprehensive and exact. He is very careful in the diagnosis of his cases, and his ability is attested by the expressions of popular approval on the part of his fellow practitioners and by the regard entertained for him by his professional brethren. He is now surgeon for the Baltimore & Ohio and for the Ohio Electric railway companies, and has done much important surgical work, although he does not confine his attention to this line alone. He is a member of the medical staff of the Newark hospital and a member of the Licking county, the Ohio state, and the National Medical Associations.

In 1904 Dr. Barnes was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Marsh, a native of Shawnee, Ohio, and a daughter of C. C. Marsh, a leading merchant and postmaster of that town for many years. At the time of the civil war he served as a soldier, rendering valiant aid to his country in the darkest hour of her history. He is now living in Columbus, and throughout his entire life he has manifested the same loyalty to the old flag which he displayed when he followed the starry banner on the battlefields of the south. Dr. and Mrs. Barnes have one daughter, Eleanor, born July 5, 1906. They are well known socially in Newark and have an extensive circle of warm friends here. Dr. Barnes belongs to Newark lodge of Masons, has also taken the degrees of the chapter and council, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias. He is esteemed not only for his professional ability but also for those sterling traits of character which in every land and clime command respect, good-will and confidence.

ROBERT T. IRWIN.

Robert T. Irwin, who since 1887 has been engaged in merchandising in Toboso, owes his success to his own well directed labors, for, starting out to make his own way in the world at the tender age of nine years, he may truly be called a self-made man. He is a native son of the village in which he has always made his home, his birth having occurred October 16, 1849. He is the eldest of four children born of the marriage of Francis and Elizabeth (Livingston) Irwin, the other members of the family being: James, who makes his home in Newark and is general foreman of the Postal Telegraph Company; Susie, the wife of Scott M. Varner, foreman of the Baltimore & Ohio Telegraph lines and a resident of Toboso; and Frank, who was employed by the Baltimore & Ohio Railway Company and was killed in a wreck at Republic, Ohio, January 4, 1887. The mother was born in Hanover township and following the death of Mr. Irwin, she became the wife of Joshua McVicker, who died in 1861.

Robert T. Irwin was a little lad of nine years at the time of his father's demise, after which he went to make his home with an uncle, his mother's brother. He had few advantages during the period of his youth, but being ambitious to get an education he always managed to attend school for a few months each year and in this way acquired a fair knowledge of the common branches. In his early youth he learned the business of constructing telegraph lines and was thus engaged from 1873 until the winter of 1887-88, in which connection his duties took him to Virginia, West Virginia, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Arkansas, Texas, Missouri,

Maryland, and many other states, so that he saw and learned much of the south and middle west. In the meantime, in 1861, following the death of his stepfather, Mr. Irwin returned to his mother's home and there remained for several years, or until he established a home of his own.

In 1887 Mr. Irwin gave up construction work and purchased a stock of general merchandise, locating in Toboso, where for two years he conducted business in a rented building. Subsequently, in 1889, he erected a store building, to which he removed his stock of goods. He has since given his time and attention to this enterprise, being now one of the oldest merchants in this village. Modern methods, push and square dealing have contributed to the success of this concern and Mr. Irwin now enjoys a large and lucrative patronage.

Mr. Irwin has been twice married. He was first married November 1, 1874, the lady of his choice being Miss Amanda Laughman, who was born in Hopewell township, Licking county, in January, 1853, and died March 22, 1888. This union was blessed with seven children but only three of the number now survive, Owen S., George H. and James Franklin. On the 24th of March, 1891, Mr. Irwin was again married, his second union being with Ida O. Shepherd, a daughter of Robert and Nancy Shepherd. There are also three children of this marriage, Nellie, Elizabeth S. and Wilson H. Mrs. Irwin died May 22, 1903. She was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church and her daily conduct exemplified its teachings and doctrines.

A republican in his political views, Mr. Irwin gives zealous and stalwart support to the republican party. In June, 1889, he was appointed postmaster, and thus served until August 1, 1893, when he was succeeded by a democratic candidate. Mr. Irwin was again appointed to the office under the administration of President McKinley and has served continuously since that time. While not a member of any church he attends and supports the Methodist Episcopal church, believing firmly in its principles. He is a member of Durban Lodge, No. 487, I. O. O. F., of which he is a past grand and he is also a Mason, belonging to New Home Lodge, No. 338, A. F. & A. M. at Hanover. A man of broad and comprehensive views, he looks upon the world as he finds it, and is therefore conservative rather than radical. The people of Toboso look upon him as an exemplary man and are proud to call him their own.

CHARLES WEAVER.

Charles Weaver, who owns and operates a valuable farm of two hundred and fifty-three acres in Newton and Washington townships, was born in Licking county, Ohio, March 11, 1856, his parents being George and Ruth (Waters) Weaver, natives of Virginia. In 1827 the father accompanied his parents on their removal to Licking county, he and his brother walking nearly the entire distance. The region in which they located was practically covered with timber and the grandfather secured land at five dollars per acre. The latter cleared the property and brought the fields under cultivation, his labors proving an important element in the agricultural development of the county during its pioneer period. George Weaver, the father of our subject, made his home on his farm throughout the

remainder of his life and was successfully engaged in its further cultivation and improvement. In connection with the work of the fields he also engaged in carpentering and was widely recognized as a most prosperous and enterprising resident of his community. By his marriage to Miss Ruth Waters, which was celebrated in 1839, he had eleven children, namely: Martin, Silas, Sarah and Mary, all of whom are deceased; Addison, a resident of St. Louisville; John, deceased; Philinda, who died in infancy; W. H., who has also passed away; Charles, of this review; B. F., living in this county; and Ada, who is the widow of M. Coulter and makes her home in Newark. The father of this family was called to his final rest on the 19th of September, 1895, while the mother passed away September 30, 1892.

Charles Weaver acquired his education in the common schools and after attaining his majority he was engaged in the operation of the old homestead farm as a renter until his father's death. Subsequently he purchased the place, comprising two hundred and fifty-three acres in Newton and Washington townships, and has since given his time and energies to its cultivation. Energetic, industrious and enterprising, he has won a substantial measure of success in his general farming interests and is well known as a progressive and prosperous agriculturist of his native county.

In 1892 Mr. Weaver was united in marriage to Miss Alice Conrad, whose birth occurred in Licking county in 1861, her parents being Cyrus and Sarah (Kinzie) Conrad, whose family numbered nine children. The father's demise occurred in 1901, but the mother still survives and makes her home in this county, having now attained the age of seventy-seven years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Weaver have been born six children: Joseph C., Mary E., Ralph, Walter, Guy and John D.

In his political views Mr. Weaver is a stalwart republican and has served as justice of the peace for six years and also as a member of the school board, discharging his official duties with marked promptness and capability. He holds membership relations with the Grange and both he and his wife support the Methodist Episcopal church. Having spent their entire lives in this county, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver are well and favorably known within its borders and the former has been an interested witness of and active participant in the work of development that has wrought such a wonderful change here during the last half century.

HOWELL RICHARDS.

Howell Richards, deceased, was a representative type of that excellent class of Welsh citizens who have added so much to our nation's prosperity in agricultural and commercial lines. For a number of years he successfully pursued agriculture and stock-raising in Newark township, this county. He was born in Carmarthenshire, South Wales, February 20, 1821, locating in the year 1844 in this township, where he resided, leading an active life until he entered into rest, January 20, 1907. His parents were David and Mary (Davis) Richards, who about 1844 left their native land, with their entire family, and after arriving on the shores of the new world, immediately came to this state and bought land



HOWELL RICHARDS

in Newark township. Here from the outset they labored industriously until they had cleared off that portion of land which they purchased and put it into a condition for cultivation, and upon this farm they spent their remaining days. They reared a family of five children, namely: Thomas, who now resides in Granville township, this county; Rachael Watkins, deceased; David D., deceased; Howell; and Esther Griffith, of Newark. One child, Richard, departed this life during his infancy.

Until he was ten years of age Howell Richards remained with his parents in their native city, where he was given the advantage of an education in the common schools. He then came with the parents to the United States and during his early life, in company with his brothers, assisted in clearing the land which his father had purchased. Throughout his life he engaged in producing general crops, at the same time dealing in various kinds of stock until death terminated his life's career. His place contained two hundred and seventy-eight acres, upon which every improvement had been made whereby to successfully carry on the occupation of farming. The attention which from time to time he gave his premises made his farm one of the most desirable in the township.

In 1873 Mr. Richards wedded Mary Jones, a native of Pontypridd, South Wales, where she was born March 10, 1846, coming to this country in 1869 with her parents, Thomas M. and Sophia (Davis) Jones. Mrs. Richards has become the mother of the following children: David, at home; Minnie, who entered into rest in her twentieth year; Thomas, who resides at home; Sophia, wife of John H. Richards, the couple residing in Newark; and Annie, who lives with her mother. Mr. Richards always took a deep interest in the paramount issues upon which rest the good of the nation and, believing that the principles of the republican party presented those policies indicative of the wisdom of the best statesmen and in his opinion best suited to subserve the highest interests of the country, he was a staunch supporter of republicanism and always voted for the candidates of his party. His high moral character enabled him to enjoy the respect and confidence of all who knew him and his long life of industry and enterprise, which contributed so much to the benefit of the community, made him one of the most useful and substantial citizens of the township.

HARRY E. HARRIS.

Harry E. Harris is the oldest editor in central Ohio, being now the owner and editor of the Utica Herald. He also has other business interests and is recognized as a leader in political circles. Born in St. Louisville, Licking county, in 1859, he is a son of Perry A. and Elizabeth (Myers) Harris. The father's birth occurred in Martinsburg, Ohio, in 1827, and his youthful days were passed on a farm two miles from his birthplace. In 1847 he went to the town to learn the harnessmaker's trade, but owing to the weakness of his eyes was obliged to abandon that work. In 1850 he removed to Newark and entered the employ of L. L. Rambo in the woolen mills, there remaining until 1852, when he established a grocery business at Vanatta, this county. In 1853 he removed to St. Louisville, where

he opened a general mercantile store and for almost forty years was identified with the commercial interests of the town, continuing as a prominent and worthy representative of the business circles there until a short time prior to his death, which occurred in 1892. In politics he was a stalwart republican, recognized as one of the leaders of the party in his neighborhood and for nineteen years he served as postmaster of St. Louisville. In 1854 he married Elizabeth Myers, a native of Richland county, Ohio, and they went to the state fair at Newark on their wedding trip. Their children were: Ellen, who became the wife of Frank M. Smith, an architect, and died in Fostoria; Harry E.; Addie M., the wife of John C. Jones, a lawyer practicing in Toledo and at one time a member of the state senate; and Harriet, a cashier and stenographer for the B. R. Baker Company of Toledo. The mother, who was born in 1833, still resides at the old home in St. Louisville, having occupied the one house since 1859.

Harry E. Harris in his youthful days remained at home and assisted his father, in the store until 1875. He attended school there and on leaving home came to Utica, where he spent two terms as a student in the normal school. He then went to Newark and was employed in the Newark Banner office for one winter. In 1880 he removed to Bangor, Michigan, and became foreman in the Bangor Reflector printing office, his employer being postmaster of the town, while Mr. Harris served as his deputy. While living there he attained his majority and cast his first vote for J. C. Burrows, who was then candidate for congress and is now senator.

On the 28th of July, 1881, Mr. Harris was married, and later in the same year came to Utica, where he purchased the Utica Herald, which he has published continuously since, save in the year 1896, when he leased it, but after six months again resumed charge. During that period he acted as manager of the Evening Press at Zanesville, in which he owned a fourth interest. He is today the oldest editor in years of continuous connection with the work in central Ohio. He has always stood for that which is progressive in newspaper publication and yet is strongly opposed to anything that partakes of the sensational character of the yellow journal. His paper is devoted to the interests of the community and to the dissemination of general news and now has a large subscription list and good advertising patronage. At the time of the boom caused by the opening of the factories and the development of the oil fields here, Mr. Harris added the real-estate business to his other interests and had the exclusive handling of four Harrison Bell additions and the Hickey addition to the city. He is also representative for the United States Fidelity & Guarantee Company and for the Wilbur Mercantile Agency. In his business affairs he has displayed capable management and his judgment is rarely, if ever, at fault in determining the value of a business situation.

As stated, Mr. Harris was married on the 28th of July, 1881, when Miss Bertha McMillan, a native of Michigan and a daughter of Stephen McMillan, became his wife. Unto them have been born two daughters: Beatrice, the wife of Boyd C. Holderman, manager of the Utica branch of the National Supply Company; and Marguerite, who graduated from Utica high school in 1909.

Mr. Harris is a stalwart republican and has done effective work in the interests of the party. He has been secretary of all the republican clubs of Utica during the past quarter of a century and has been a delegate to a number of judicial, congressional and state conventions. He served as postmaster of Utica from 1889 until 1893, under the administration of Benjamin Harrison, and has also been

village clerk and councilman, while in 1904 the council elected him to fill out an unexpired term as mayor. He has ever exercised his official prerogative in support of general progress and improvement and over the record of his official career there falls no shadow of wrong nor suspicion of evil. He is a valued and faithful member of the Presbyterian church and was elected an honorary member of the County Pioneer Association. He stands at all times for that which is helpful in the public life, while in social circles he is found as a loyal friend and one who well merits the confidence that is universally accorded him.

SIDNEY SMITH.

The name of Sidney Smith is a familiar one in almost every household throughout Licking county, as well as in various other sections of the state, for he was engaged in buying and selling stock for many years, but is now living retired at his farm home in Madison township. He is a native son of the Buckeye state, born near Albany, in Franklin county, one of eleven children, whose parents were William E. and Rumahah (Boyd) Smith. Both parents were natives of Newark, New Jersey, whence immediately following their marriage they made their way to Franklin county, this state, where the father operated a sawmill. In 1839 they removed to Licking county and the father purchased a farm in Mary Ann township. Later he secured land in Iowa and in 1856 made a trip to that state. He was making his way on foot from Webster City to Fort Dodge to pay his taxes and being caught in a severe snow storm was frozen to death. The mother survived for a long period and passed away in 1896 at an advanced age. Of their family of eleven children, eight of the number now survive, namely: Daniel, a resident of Newark, Ohio; Julia F., who makes her home with our subject; Sidney, of this review; Sarah Jane, who is also with her brother of this review; Margaret, the wife of Harvey Lawyers, a resident of Newark township, Licking county; James and William, twins, the former a resident of Newark township, and the latter of Perry county, Ohio; and Ella, who is also with Mr. Smith of this review.

Sidney Smith was born January 6, 1839, and was but three months old when brought by his parents to Licking county, so that he has practically been reared here. He pursued his studies in the district schools and remained under the parental roof through the period of his boyhood and youth. At a very early age he engaged in buying and selling stock, to which he devoted his entire time and attention for thirty years. He was the largest stock buyer in this section of Ohio and for many years bought all the stock in this and two adjoining counties, becoming one of the best known men and most successful stock dealers in Licking county. In 1870 he purchased his present home farm, situated in Madison township, whereon he has since made his home. His property is well improved and constitutes one of the most valuable farms of this locality.

Mr. Smith was married April 24, 1872, the lady of his choice being Miss Isabelle Pigg, of Madison township. Her death occurred January 4, 1884, and since that time Mr. Smith has lived retired, renting his land, although he still retains his residence on his farm and makes a home for his sisters.

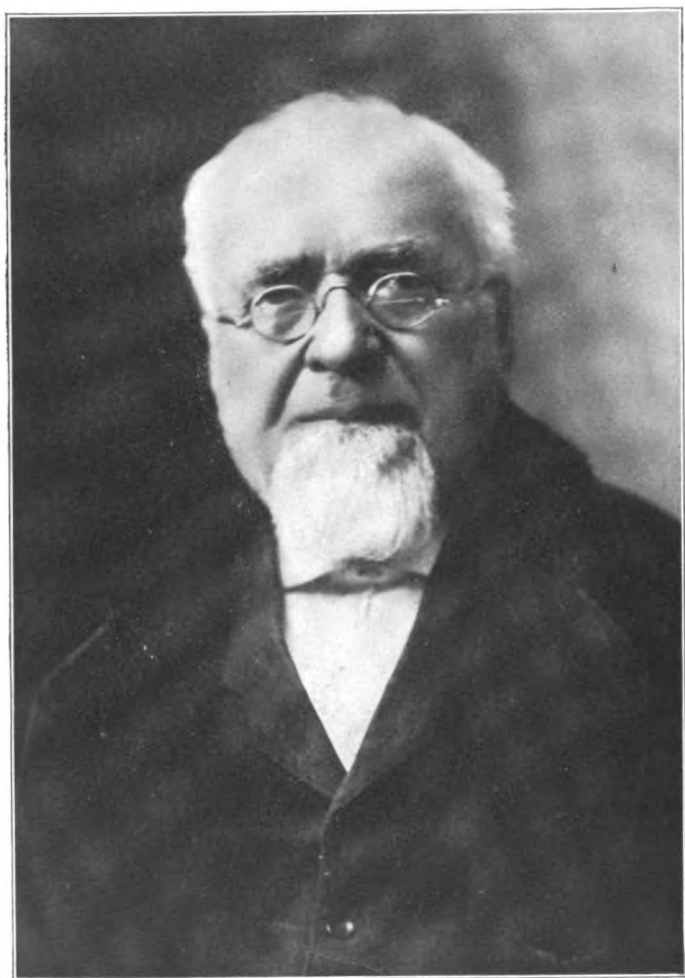
Mr. Smith's business affairs were interrupted at the time of the Civil War, when, in 1861, he became a member of the Seventy-sixth Ohio Volunteer infantry. He took part in many of the important engagements of the war, including Arkansas Post, Haines Bluff, Chickasaw Bayou, Jackson, Mississippi, and many others of minor importance. He was also in the siege of Vicksburg and was mustered out at Black River, Mississippi, after which he returned home and resumed his business interests. He still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in Lemert Post, G. A. R.

Mr. Smith is a republican in politics but has never been active in public life. Throughout his career of continued and far-reaching usefulness his duties were performed with the greatest care, and business interests were so managed as to win him the confidence of the public, while the competency which he acquired was such as to now enable him to spend the evening of his days in well earned ease, surrounded with friends and all the comforts that go to make life worth living.

JESSE A. FLORY.

Jesse A. Flory, since 1874 an attorney at law of the Ohio bar, accorded a large and distinctively representative clientage, was born in the city of Newark, September 4, 1853. His paternal grandfather, George Flory, was a soldier under Napoleon Bonaparte, and was a great admirer of the hero who perhaps has had more extended influence upon the world's history than any other one man. His son, Abram Flory, was born in Alsace, then a province of France, and when about nine years of age was brought by his parents to the new world. He became a resident of Licking county in 1840 and was one of the earliest business men of Newark, dealing in hogs and cattle, conducting also a packing business and continuing an active factor in those lines of business until 1872, when he turned his attention to real-estate dealing. In this connection he contributed in large and substantial measure to the growth and upbuilding of the city, laying out all that section of Newark between Columbia street on the north, Raccoon creek on the south and west of Eighth street. He did not plat the entire district at one time but made more than one subdivision, known as Flory's additions. He possessed a spirit of progressive and public-spirited citizenship and his efforts in behalf of general improvement were of a most beneficial and far-reaching character. For several years he was called to represent his ward in the city council. He married Nancy Wollard, a native of the Shenandoah valley in Virginia, and a representative of the Wollard family who came to Licking county at a very early day and established their home on a farm. Mr. and Mrs. Flory resided in the same house from 1848 until their demise. The father passed away in December, 1901, while the mother's death occurred in January, 1908.

Jesse A. Flory was educated in the public schools of Newark and through the periods of vacation worked with his father. Determining upon a professional career and thinking the law would prove more congenial than other lines, he began reading in the office and under the direction of the Hon. Gibson Atherton, of Newark, and was admitted to the bar in 1874. The favorable regard of his



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JESSE A. FLORY

preceptor was indicated in the fact that he was then admitted to a partnership under the firm style of Atherton & Flory, and continued as junior member of the firm until the death of Mr. Atherton in 1887. He then practiced alone until his eldest son, Charles L. Flory, was admitted to the bar in 1898, becoming a member of the firm of Flory & Flory in 1899. Another son, Walter L. Flory, after graduation from Denison College and Yale College, pursued the study of law in the Western Reserve Law School and is now practicing in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Flory has given strict attention to his professional duties and has secured a large and representative clientage. While, undoubtedly, he is not without that honorable ambition which is so powerful and useful as an incentive to activity in public affairs, he regards the pursuits of private life as being in themselves abundantly worthy of his best efforts. In the presentation of his cause, persuasive eloquence forms a forceful factor, while his arguments, based upon the facts in the case and the law applicable to them, display, moreover, a profound knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence. As his financial resources have permitted Mr. Flory has invested largely in real estate and has laid out several additions to the city, thus materially promoting its substantial development and progress.

On the 23d of September, 1875, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Flory and Phoebe H. Smith, of Newark. Their two sons are Charles L. and Walter L., the former a graduate of the law department of the Ohio State University. The parents are members of the Congregational church and the two sons hold membership in the Presbyterian church. The family is one of prominence here, its members enjoying the good will and confidence of the large majority of Newark's citizens. Mr. Flory has taken the degrees of the blue lodge, chapter and commandery in Masonry, has also become a Scottish Rite Mason and a noble of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs, too, to the Royal Arcanum, and is a member of the State Bar and Licking County Bar Associations and president of the Licking County Law Library Association. He is interested in all that pertains to the welfare of his city, state and nation, while his influence is always given on the side of progress, truth, justice and improvement. However, the practice of law has been his real life work, and the zeal with which he has devoted his energies to his profession, the careful regard evinced for the interests of his clients and the assiduous and unrelaxing attention to all the details of his cases have brought him a large business and made him very successful in its conduct.

HON. JOHN DAVID JONES.

For half a century the lawyer has been a preeminent factor in all affairs of private concern and national importance. The man versed in the laws of the country, as distinguished from business men or politicians, has been a recognized power. He has been depended upon to conserve the best and most permanent interests of the whole people and without him and the approval of his practical judgment the effort of the statesman and the industry of the business man would have proved futile. The reason is not far to seek. The professional lawyer is never the creature of circumstances. The profession is open to talent and eminence

or success cannot be obtained except by indomitable energy, perseverance, patience and strong mentality. He must also possess analytical ability and the power to see relations between comparatively detached facts. These same qualities are necessary to the statesman and are recognized attributes of the Hon. John David Jones, both in his practice and in his official career.

Mr. Jones is one of Licking county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Granville March 2, 1845, his parents being Roderick and Mary (Jones) Jones, both of whom were natives of Wales, born in Montgomeryshire and Cardiganshire respectively. The father came to America in 1842 and settling in Licking county was for many years identified with the progress and upbuilding of this part of the state. The mother came to America in 1829 with her parents, who located at Remsen, near Utica, New York, where they remained for about twelve years, after which a removal was made to Licking county, Ohio.

Roderick Jones had been a resident of this county for about seven years when he was attracted to the far west by the discovery of gold. He crossed the plains to the Pacific coast, making the long journey over the hot stretches of sand and through the mountain passes. He spent several years in the gold fields of that state and in 1855 returned to Licking county, where he purchased a farm. About 1858 he purchased the site of Denison University. Thereon he continued to make his home for about twenty years, devoting his time and attention to general agricultural pursuits. He died on a farm he later bought in Granville township, his life's labors being ended in 1886. His widow survived him for about eleven years and passed away in 1897.

In taking up the personal history of John David Jones we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely and favorably known in this part of the state. He was reared to farm life, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and in the winter seasons he devoted his attention to the mastery of such branches of learning as were taught in the district schools. He afterward attended the Denison University at Granville, Ohio, and was but eighteen years of age when he offered his services to the government in defense of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war. He was numbered among the boys in blue of Company I, Second Ohio Heavy Artillery, and served until the close of hostilities, being engaged in active duty in Kentucky and Tennessee, where he met the enemy in a number of hotly contested battles. War is a stern school in which to learn the lessons of life and going forth a youth Mr. Jones returned a man in his knowledge of all of the hardships and dangers incident to warfare.

Following his military experience he took up the study of law under the direction of the Hon. J. B. Jones and after a thorough preliminary reading was admitted to the bar in 1869. He then located for practice in Newark, where he has since remained, being now for almost forty years a member of the legal fraternity of this city. He possesses a mind of singular precision and power, capable of an impartial view of both sides of the question and of arriving at a just conclusion. In his practice he is absolutely fair, never indulging in artifice or concealment, never dealing in indirect methods but winning his victories, which are many, and suffering his defeats, which are few, in the open field face to face with his foe. The court records show that he has been connected with much important litigation and that he has won many verdicts favorable to his clients.

Aside from his profession Mr. Jones has done much important public service, having several times been called to positions of trust and responsibility. He was school examiner from 1872 until 1881 and was a member of the school board for nine years, putting forth earnest and effective effort to advance the standard of education. He was elected to represent his district in the state senate of the sixty-fifth general assembly, where he gave earnest consideration to each question that came up for settlement and thus left the impress of his individuality upon the legislative enactments of that period. He was prosecuting attorney for Licking county for two terms and again his fidelity and ability in office were unassailable. On the bench of the common pleas court from 1897 until 1902 he showed that he was capable of giving a fair and unbiased opinion based upon comprehensive knowledge of the law and its correct application to the points at issue. Aside from his legal practice and his official service he has been associated with business interests, is now a stockholder in the Franklin National Bank, in the Newark Cold Storage Company and in other concerns.

On the 31st of August, 1876, Mr. Jones was married to Miss Rachael A. Giffin, a daughter of the Hon. C. B. Giffin. They became parents of five children: Roderick, his father's partner in the practice of law; Rufus R., an assistant civil engineer with the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad Company; Janet R.; Marguerite; and Kenneth. The wife and mother died October 17, 1889, and on the 30th of June, 1892, Mr. Jones was married to her sister, Miss Jessie F. Giffin. While practicing in Newark, Judge Jones maintains his residence in Granville. He is a member of the Licking County and State Bar Associations and is one of the best known and most prominent residents of this county. Aside from his superior professional ability there are other qualities which render him a valued citizen of the community. He is stalwart in his friendships, actuated by a strong spirit of fidelity to what he believes to be right and manifests the utmost conformity to a high standard of professional ethics. His friends are many, for nature and culture have vied in making him an interesting and entertaining gentleman.

GEORGE T. PIGG.

George T. Pigg, who owns and operates a well improved farm of ninety-six and a half acres, situated in Madison township, is known through this section of Licking county as an extensive raiser of sheep and dealer in wool. He is a native son of this township, born January 24, 1843, a son of George and Jane (Knox) Pigg, both of whom were natives of Cumberland county, England, where they were reared and married. Six months after their marriage they set sail for the United States and upon reaching American shores made their way to Licking county, Ohio, locating on a farm in Madison township, the year 1834 witnessing their arrival here. The father first rented what is now known as the Wilson property, but meeting with success in his operations he was eventually justified in making a purchase of land and at the time of his death had accumulated two hundred acres of valuable farm land. He and his wife were devoted and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church, the father dying in that faith September 16, 1862, when he was

sixty-three years of age, while his wife surviving for about two decades, passed away in 1882 at the age of seventy-three. They were well known pioneers of the county, highly respected in the locality where they so long made their home. They had a family of four sons: Charles A., who resides in Madison township; William, who also makes his home here; George T., of this review; and David H., who makes his home in Newark.

George T. Pigg was reared on the home farm and acquired his education in the district schools near by. He was reared to the pursuits of farming, assisting his father during the period of his boyhood and youth. He was a young man of about nineteen years at the time of his father's demise, after which he and his brothers continued to operate the homestead property. In addition to the cultivation of the fields they engaged in raising sheep on a very extensive scale, keeping at times as high as seven hundred head. For many years they were thus engaged as partners and in this connection were widely known throughout Licking county, and since dissolving partnership the brothers are still known individually as extensive sheep raisers and dealers in wool. George T. Pigg remained at home until the time of his marriage, since which event he has followed farming on ninety-six and a half acres, located in Madison township, this property being a portion of what he and his brothers accumulated subsequent to the father's demise. His fields are highly cultivated and much of his land is devoted to pasturage. The place is improved with good farm buildings, which are kept in excellent repair.

Mr. Pigg was married in 1875 to Miss Clara Shaw, a daughter of Andrew Shaw, formerly well known in Licking county but long since deceased. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Pigg has been blessed with a daughter and son: Laura Belle, at home; and George A., who follows farming in Madison township.

Mr. Pigg gives loyal support to the men and measures of the republican party but has never been active as an office seeker for his private business affairs fully claim his time and attention. He is a typical American—wide-awake, progressive and energetic—and his labors are resulting in a very gratifying measure of success. While at the same time he is well known as an honest and straightforward citizen and a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family.

EDWIN M. SHARER.

Edwin M. Sharer, who owns an excellent farm known as "Elmwood Place," in Union township, on which for many years he has engaged in agricultural pursuits, with special attention to stock-raising, was born in the old family homestead, located one and a half miles south of Luray, this township, April 5, 1851, a son of David and Mary (Weatherwax) Sharer, both of whom were natives of Herkimer county, New York, where they were born on April 2, 1802, and May 13, 1806, respectively. There they were united in marriage. In November, 1832, they went to Akron, Ohio, where they remained for a short period and then located in Hebron, Ohio, where they owned property which they subsequently traded for a farm in Union township, on which they spent the remainder of their lives. He was a merchant and conducted a store while a resident of Hebron but, upon



MR. AND MRS. EDWIN M. SHARER

locating in Union township, gave his attention exclusively to agricultural interests on a productive farm which contained one hundred and sixty-eight acres. He departed this life December 29, 1892, having survived his wife by ten years. In their family were six children, namely: Albert, who passed away in infancy; Julia, who is the widow of Benjamin Powell and resides with her brother Edwin; Frances H.; Cordelia, of Hebron; Irving D., who departed this life in 1867; and Edwin M.

On the home farm Edwin M. Sharer spent his boyhood days in a manner not unlike that of most farm boys of the period. He aided in the plowing, planting and harvesting and when winter came attended the district schools. He continued to assist his father until his marriage, when he left home and purchased his present farm of one hundred acres located on the Fairfield county line and on the Granville and Lancaster roads. His farm is in a region noted for the richness of the soil and he has been quite successful in the production of hay and the various cereals best adapted to climatic conditions. In addition to general farming he also takes an interest in stock-raising. His farm is in fine condition, being provided with a comfortable home and all conveniences. He uses the latest improved machinery to till his fields and has made his farm one of the most desirable in the township, it bearing every evidence of the thrift and enterprise of its owner.

In 1877 Mr. Sharer wedded Mary E. Long, a native of Greene county, Pennsylvania, born January 10, 1855. Her ancestors were among the pioneers whose self-sacrifice amid primitive conditions laid the foundation for the present prosperity and civilization. Her great-grandfather, William Spicer, a native of Maryland, located in Greene county, Pennsylvania, and there resided until he, his wife and six of his children, were massacred by the Indians, June 4, 1851. Two children escaped—a son and a daughter, Elizabeth, who were taken into custody by the Indians. The son remained with them, living on the Western Reserve, where he was reared, and finally married a squaw. His sister Elizabeth was among those who were exchanged as prisoners of war by the influence of Lord Dunmore and later wedded William Daugherty, after whose death she became the wife of Thomas Bowen, by whom she had two daughters—Nancy Steele and Mary Woods. One of the family who were victims of the savages was Joanne, the wife of Corblez Bowen. Their daughter wedded John Steele, who was of Irish extraction. They had a daughter Ruth, who became the wife of I. M. Long, on December 30, 1852. Both were natives of Greene county, Pennsylvania, where he was born January 24, 1831, and his wife on July 23, of the same year. When she was thirteen years of age her parents removed from that county and settled in Luray, Ohio. Mr. Long was a son of George and Mary (Burge) Long, natives of the Keystone state, where they spent their lives. His father reared a family of eleven children, together with two belonging to a neighbor. His youngest child, although in her seventieth year when she acquired the art of writing, learned to pen a beautiful hand. The remaining members of the family all attained prominence, among them being successful school teachers and clergymen. George Long was a devoted Christian and a member of a church situated eight miles from his residence at the services of which, notwithstanding the distance, he was a regular worshiper but eventually, in order to bring religious influence within

his immediate neighborhood, he constructed a small church building out of timber taken from his land in order that his family and neighbors might have a more convenient place of worship. This was long known as Grandfather Long's church, the theology of which was that espoused by the New School of Baptists.

In 1878 I. M. Long and his wife removed to Mount Ayr, where they are now living in retirement. In their family were nine children: Marion, who resides in Cedar Rapids with her children, Earl and Nellie; Mary E.; Mrs. Nancy A. Tennant, of Delphos, Iowa, who has five children, Lillian, Frank, Stanton, Florence and Ernest; Simeon, a widower residing with his parents in Mount Ayr, Iowa; Mrs. Clara Belle Hoover, who has three children and resides in Des Moines, Iowa; William G.; Minnie M. and Jesse D., both of whom died in infancy; and Mrs. Sadie Flynn, who has three children, Ruth, Francis N. and Ethel, the family residing in St. Joseph, Missouri.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Sharer are: Mary Ruth, who resides at Niagara Falls, New York, with her husband Wayland C. Marlow and one child, Wayland; Edwin Ernest, deceased; Ethel Julia, a pupil at the Newark high school; and Frank Carrolton, who attends school at Newark. Mr. Sharer has been a life-long supporter of the republican party and is a public-spirited citizen, at all times ready to further whatever measures are purposed for the benefit of the community. He and his family belong to the Licking Baptist church and for a number of years he has served in the office of deacon. Wherever known he is honored and respected and most of all where best known.

CHARLES P. FLEMING.

In a history of the stock raising interests of central Ohio it is imperative that mention be made of Charles P. Fleming, for he is closely connected with this important source of revenue to the county. Throughout his entire life he has been actively identified with the breeding and raising of fine stock, making a specialty of standard bred horses and polled Durham cattle. He was born in Perry township, Licking county, June 28, 1871, and is a son of Nathan Quinn Fleming, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this volume. He was reared on the home farm, early becoming familiar with all of the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist and after acquiring his preliminary education in the common schools he entered the Ohio Wesleyan College at Delaware and there completed his education. He afterward returned home and was associated with his father in his farming enterprise up to the time of his marriage.

It was on the 22d of October, 1903, that Mr. Fleming wedded Miss Florence Jones, a daughter of Ellis Jones, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. After their marriage they removed to their present farm, the residence being in Hanover township, while his tract of land of one hundred and fifty-six acres, which he purchased in 1893, lies across the boundary line in Madison township. He also owns one hundred and twelve acres of land in Perry township which is sown to blue grass and is all in one field, used entirely for pasturage for his stock, for Charles P. Fleming, like his brother and father, is extensively engaged in the

breeding of standard horses and polled Durham cattle. In 1894 they had one hundred and forty head of standard bred horses and have probably furnished more fine horseflesh to this section of the state than any other family. They sell extensively in Pennsylvania, making large shipments of both horses and cattle to that state. At present they have some forty head of fine horses, having reduced their stock greatly in the past year. During the last two years they have been very successful in their business and are able to speak authoritatively upon every phase of the work of breeding and raising fine horses and cattle.

In his political views Charles P. Fleming is a stalwart republican and keeps well informed on the questions of the day, but has never sought nor desired office. He is a member of the Methodist church and is interested in all that pertains to the substantial development and improvement of the community along lines of educational and moral progress. He is well known in business as an energetic, reliable man, accomplishing what he undertakes and is today accounted one of the leading stock breeders of central Ohio. His friends find him a genial, courteous gentleman and wherever he goes he wins the kindly regard of those with whom he is associated.

W. S. TURNER, M. D.

W. S. Turner, M. D., is recognized as one of the able and learned members of the medical profession in Ohio, being honored by his fellow practitioners with the presidency of the State Eclectic Medical Association in 1903. He practices at Newark, where his ability has gained him a large patronage that is bringing to him merited prosperity. One of Ohio's native sons, he was born in Auglaize county, January 20, 1861, a son of John D. and Harriet (Brown) Turner, who were likewise natives of this state. The father died in 1865 when but twenty-eight years of age, and in 1870 the mother gave her hand in marriage to Joshua Montague, of Auglaize county, a well-known and respected citizen and extensive farmer of that locality.

Dr. Turner was educated in the common schools of Auglaize and Allen counties and in the Ohio Normal University at Ada, Ohio. Losing his father in early boyhood, he was thrown upon his own resources and from youthful years until the present time has depended upon his own labors. He worked on a farm and, after his graduation at Ada, engaged in teaching school for four years. A laudable ambition, however, led him into a broader field of activity and in preparation for the practice of medicine he began studying with Dr. Thomas, of West Newton, Ohio, as his preceptor. He afterward attended the Eclectic Medical Institute, of Cincinnati, and was graduated in 1884. He has since pursued post-graduate work in Chicago, where he studied in 1897. He began practice in partnership with Dr. Woodell, in Leipsic, Ohio, where he remained for a year and then bought out the practice of Dr. R. I. Kribs in Waynesfield, Auglaize county, near his old home. While at that place he also interested himself in lyceum work and secured for the town some of the best talent that has ever been seen or heard there. He continued in Waynesfield until the 1st of January, 1906, when he came

to Newark. Although he has practiced here for only about three years, his ability has gained him recognition as one of the leading physicians of the city, and he now has a large and growing practice that attests the confidence reposed in him by the general public. He keeps in touch with the best medical literature and his continuous research has brought him a knowledge that is evidenced in his ready and correct solution of the many difficult problems which continually confront the physician. He also finds further inspiration for his work in his membership in the Central, the State and National Eclectic Medical Associations. He served as president of the state association in 1903 after three years' incumbency in the office of secretary. He is likewise a member of the Licking County and Ohio State Medical Societies. He recognizes the fact, as all broad-minded men do, that the physicians of different schools are coming nearer and nearer together in their methods of practice, as the non-essential is being discarded and the essential retained, for the benefit of suffering humanity.

In 1885 Dr. Turner was married to Miss Mary C. Patterson, a lady of education, who was born in Allen county, Ohio, and is a daughter of Henry and Margaret Patterson, who are still living in that county. Dr. and Mrs. Turner have one son, Victor, who is now a senior in the Denison University, where he is studying for the medical profession. From there he will be sent to Harvard University to take a post-graduate course and will then enter the practice of medicine, his chosen profession.

Dr. Turner is a member of the Masonic fraternity and filled all of the chairs during his membership in Wayne Lodge No. 569, A. F. & A. M., at Waynesfield, Ohio. On severing his connection with that organization the members of the lodge presented him with a beautiful and valuable Masonic emblem as a token of their esteem and continued friendship. He transferred his membership to Acme Lodge, of Newark. He is also a member of the Baptist church and active in the Young Men's Christian Association work in Newark. He has been of great assistance to the association here, has promoted its lyceum interests and has done other effective service in its behalf. His cheerful, hopeful nature, as well as his scientific knowledge, constitutes an element in his skill in practice, and it is also characteristic of him that he speaks words of encouragement to those in need of such and is ever ready to aid a fellow traveler on life's journey.

THOMAS RICHARDS.

A valuable farm of two hundred and fifty acres in Granville township pays tribute to the enterprise and ability of Thomas Richards, who is a self-made man, having a most creditable business record. Starting out in life empty handed, his success has come as the merited reward of earnest labor. He has now traveled far on life's journey and the more active work of the farm is left to others but from his property he derives a substantial income. As he is well known, his history cannot fail to prove of interest to many of our readers. He was born in Carmarthenshire, South Wales, November 22, 1827, and was a youth of seventeen years when, in 1844, he became a resident of Licking county, Ohio, settling in



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the Welsh Hills. He made the voyage to the new world and the journey across the country with his parents, David and Mary (Jones) Richards, who were also natives of South Wales, the former born in 1799 and the latter in 1809. Both died here on the old home farm on the Newark and Granville road, the death of the father occurring in 1852, while the mother survived until 1872. The father had but one pound of English money, equal to about five dollars, when he arrived in America and he worked for other people on shares and later rented land until from his earnings he had saved a sum sufficient to enable him to purchase property. However, he became the owner of a farm of one hundred acres, which he brought under a high state of cultivation. In his family were four sons and two daughters: Thomas; Mrs. Rachel Watkins, now deceased; David and Howell, who have also passed away; Esther, the wife of E. Griffith, of East Newark; and Richard, who died when about four years of age.

The family journeyed westward by way of the canal and arrived at their destination about two o'clock in the morning. The same day Thomas Richards began binding barley in the harvest field, beginning work for David Jones, by whom he was employed for two months. He afterward worked as a farm hand for several years or until about twenty years of age, when he became connected with railroad construction on the Baltimore & Ohio and the Pan Handle road, being thus employed for six or seven years. He then turned his attention to farming and was busily employed at the work of the fields for a long period or until his sons grew up and could relieve him of the farm work, when he took up bridge building for the county. At the time of his marriage, having no money with which to purchase land, he rented a farm. Later he bought a house in Newark and when he sold that property invested in forty-nine acres, it being on the south fork near the fair grounds. Subsequently he disposed of that property and bought a farm of one hundred and six acres in Hanover township, while two or three years later he invested in one hundred and four acres in Hopewell township. On selling that property he purchased his present farm in 1874 for fourteen thousand dollars. He made a payment of seven thousand dollars and then paid ten per cent interest on the remainder. The farm comprised two hundred acres a mile and a half north of Granville on the Mount Vernon road, and last fall he bought one hundred acres more, of which he sold fifty acres to his son Charles, so that his property holdings now comprise two hundred and fifty acres. He is giving his attention to general farming and stock raising, although leaving the active work of the fields to others. He yet superintends the work, however, and has remained throughout his life a progressive farmer, keeping in touch with the advancement that has been continually made along agricultural lines.

On the 20th of December, 1855, Mr. Richards was married to Miss Rachel Jones, who was born in South Wales in May, 1834, and came to the United States in 1842 with her parents, William T. and Mary (Rees) Jones, who were also natives of South Wales and died in Licking county, the mother passing away two years after her arrival, leaving four children. The father subsequently married again. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Richards have been born ten children: Howell, now living in Granville township; Mary, the wife of Thomas W. Jones, of Seattle, Washington; William, a resident of Emporia, Kansas, where he practices veterinary surgery; George, who operates a farm adjoining his father's place; Charles;

Lewellyn and Lemuel, twins, both of Kansas; Alice, the wife of John M. Brooks, of Granville township; Frank, living in the village of Granville; and Edward, at home. All are married with the exception of the last named.

Mr. Richards has usually supported the democracy and has always felt a keen and abiding interest in the vital questions of the day affecting the general welfare. His religious faith has been indicated in his membership in the Presbyterian church of Granville. For sixty-five years he has lived in the county. At the time of his arrival Newark was only a small village and log houses were very common, while ponds were numerous where business blocks now stand but the land has been drained and the district has been built up into a beautiful and thriving city, while the work of improvement and development has been carried on throughout the county. Mr. Richards has been greatly interested in all that has been accomplished and has borne his full share in the work of general improvement.

J. N. WRIGHT, M. D.

Dr. J. N. Wright, who for a number of years has been an active and successful practitioner of medicine, but who is now devoting his attention to the duties of the office of county auditor, to which he was elected in the fall of 1904, was born in Monroe township, Licking county, August 6, 1858. His parents were James N. and Effie (Willison) Wright, both of whom were natives of Licking county, Ohio. The Wright family can trace its genealogy back through eleven generations. The first representative of the name in America came from England in 1630 and settled in Northampton, Massachusetts. The grandfather, Major Simeon S. Wright, came from Vermont in 1816 and located at Wright's Corners, midway between Alexandria and Johnstown. He was one of the pioneers of the county, for few settlements had been made within its borders at that time. There were still many evidences of Indian occupancy and but little to indicate that the white race had planted the seeds of civilization here. Major Wright, however, took an active and helpful part in promoting the agricultural development of the county, which is always the first step in promoting its business progress and subsequent upbuilding. He won his title by service under General Ethan Allen in the war of 1812. The maternal grandfather of Dr. Wright was Jeremiah Willison, who removed from Virginia to this county when it was still a frontier district and established his home in Monroe township. James N. Wright was a farmer by occupation and followed that pursuit throughout his entire life, thus providing a comfortable living for his family. He died in 1897, while his wife survived until 1902.

The boyhood and youth of Dr. Wright were spent upon the home farm in the usual manner of farm lads of that period. He worked in the fields during the summer months and in the winter season attended the district schools. At the age of eighteen years he left the farm, however, to continue his education in the literary school at Wooster, Ohio, and then, determining to make the practice of medicine his life work, he entered the medical department of the Michigan State

University, at Ann Arbor, from which he was graduated in 1882. He began practice in Union county, Ohio, where he remained for fifteen years and built up a good business. He removed to Johnstown, his old home, in October, 1897, and continued in the active practice of his profession there until 1905, when he removed to Newark, having been elected county auditor in the fall of 1904. He is still the incumbent in the office and has the distinction of being the first republican ever elected to this position. He gave up his practice entirely when he took charge of the auditor's office and is devoting his undivided attention to his official duties, having carefully systematized the work of the office, while his promptness and fidelity in the discharge of his duties are winning for him uniform commendation.

On the 18th of October, 1882, Dr. Wright was married to Miss Florence L. Hill, of Licking county, Ohio, and with the exception of their eldest child, James Willard, who died in his twentieth year, all of their children are yet living. These are: Helen Edna, Miles Ludlow, Donald MacLean, Gladys Ruth, Paul Jean and Hill Dean. Dr. and Mrs. Wright are consistent and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church and in Newark and other parts of the county they have an extensive circle of warm friends. Dr. Wright belongs to the County Medical Society, while in fraternal relations he is connected with the Maccabees, the Woodmen, the Elks and the Knights of Pythias. He has also attained a high rank in Masonry, being a Knight Templar and a noble of Alladin Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is in hearty sympathy with the work of the craft and exemplifies its beneficent teachings in his life. Those who know Dr. Wright—and his friends are many—entertain for him the warmest regard by reason of his many substantial qualities and genuine worth. His cordial manner, genial disposition and deference for the opinions of others have made him popular, and he stands today a thorough exemplification of the typical American professional man and gentleman.

JAMES B. CUSH.

James B. Cush, for many years a prominent lumber merchant, and now operating a large farm in Jersey township, was born March 12, 1840, in St. Albans township, a son of Daniel and Catherine (Carr) Cush, the latter a native of the state of New York and the former a native of Ireland, from which place he came to New York in the year 1832, and thence to Ohio six years later. In those days there were no railroads by which to forward transit from the east, and they made the journey by wagon, bringing with them all their possessions, and settled in St. Albans township, where they remained for two years and then settled here, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The elder Mr. Cush followed agricultural pursuits and was known throughout the county for his industry, uprightness and exemplary life, and when he passed away in September of the year 1894 he left many friends to lament his parting. Mr. Cush outlived his wife by twelve years.

Amid the common experiences and labors of the farm James B. Cush was reared and attended the district schools, where he acquired his education. He remained on the home place assisting his father until he was united in marriage

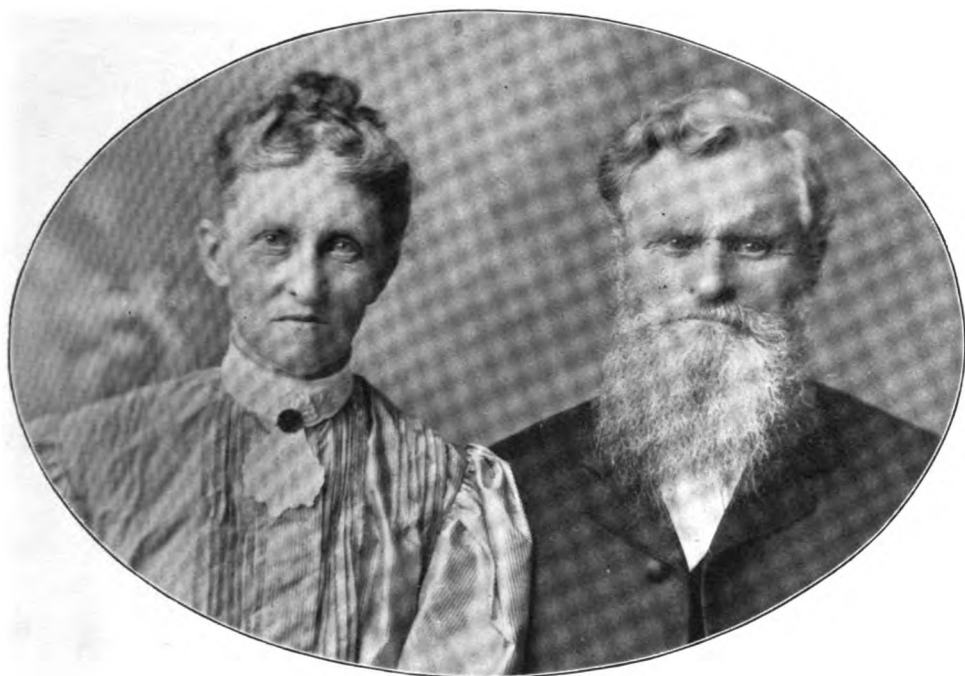
in February, 1869, when he removed to Jay county, Indiana, and there established himself in the lumber business, which he followed for ten years, at the expiration of which time he came to Hartford township, this county, and manufactured drain tile from 1884 to 1896, when he withdrew from the commercial world and settled on the farm in Jersey township, on which he has since resided. The tract of land covers one hundred and thirty acres of highly improved property, equipped with a modern dwelling house, barns, double fencing, outbuildings, and all conveniences necessary to agriculture. Mr. Cush has made a study of soils and their adaptation to crops, and his investigations have greatly aided him in the cultivation of his farm, which from year to year is always forthcoming with an abundant yield of the first quality.

On February 4, 1869, Mr. Cush wedded Annie Wickliffe, daughter of Richard and Ellen (Dooley) Wickliffe, who came from Ireland when she was but one year old. To this union have been born: Mary, who became the wife of Frank Doersam, of Columbus, Ohio; Catherine, who wedded James Lafferty, of Jersey township; Ellen and Isabel, both of whom are deceased; Austin; Louis and Leo, twins; Nora; Raymond; and Gertrude.

Mr. Cush is a stanch democrat, and takes an active interest in his party during campaigns. He has never been ambitious as an office seeker. He has efficiently served the township as road supervisor, and for a number of years was a member of the school board. His religious convictions are on the side of Catholicism and he and his sons are members of the Catholic church. Mr. Cush is one of the most aggressive men of the community and takes great pride in his farm, the well kept appearance of which bears testimony to his thrift and enterprise. As a business man he has the confidence of all who know him, while in social life he has made a host of friends and his home is known for its congenial and hospitable atmosphere. He is a man of high integrity, whose sense of honor is one of the salient points in his character, and his straightforward walk and moral force have made him worthy of the high esteem which he enjoys in his township.

THOMAS P. JONES.

That Thomas P. Jones, who has spent his entire life in Licking county, commands the respect and good will of his fellow townsmen is indicated by the fact that he has served as justice of the peace for the past forty years, having first been elected to the office in 1869, and through reelection has served continuously to the present time. He is also classed among the substantial agriculturists of Union township, his farm comprising one hundred and twenty-seven acres, whereon he is engaged in general farming and stock raising. Mr. Jones is a native son of Licking county, his birth having occurred in Newton township, October 15, 1835. The parents of our subject were Evan and Elizabeth (Powell) Jones, the former born in Merionethshire, North Wales. He emigrated to the United States in 1825, at which time he located in Pennsylvania, where he spent two or three years. At the end of that time he made his way to Licking county, and settled in Newton township, where he spent a few years, engaged at his trade



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of brick making. Later he located in Newark township and subsequently came to Union township in 1848, where the remainder of his life was spent as an agriculturist. He died on the farm which is now in possession of our subject, in 1866, when he had reached the age of seventy-two years. He was a devoted member of the Baptist church and in his political faith was a democrat. The mother, who, as above stated, bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Powell, was born in Welsh Hills, Licking county, in 1808, a daughter of Rev. Thomas Powell, a clergyman of the Baptist church. Mrs. Jones was the youngest of six children and the only one born in this county. By her marriage she became the mother of eight children, of whom two died in infancy. The others are: Thomas P., whose name introduces this record; Jane, who departed this life in May, 1907; Ann, who became the wife of Harry Buckland and died in 1904; Sarah P., who formerly engaged in teaching, but for the past thirty years has engaged in clerking in King Company's store in Newark; Hannah, the widow of Robert Wilson, and who since 1866 has resided in Kansas; and Elizabeth, who makes her home in Newark. The mother of this family died in 1852, at the comparatively early age of forty-four years.

Thomas P. Jones, the immediate subject of this review, was but an infant when the parents left Newton township and took up their abode in Newark township. He was there reared to the age of thirteen years, when, in 1848, another removal was made, the family home then being established in Union township, where he has since made his home. His early education was supplemented by one year's study in Denison University, where he qualified for teaching, in which work he engaged during the winter seasons for several years. However, he chose as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared and is now the owner of a well improved farm comprising one hundred and twenty-seven acres, situated in Union township. He carries on general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of the raising of sheep. He has met with good success in all his undertakings and today is classed among the substantial agriculturists of this section of Licking county.

It was on the 24th of October, 1878, that Mr. Jones established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Minerva J. Spangler, who was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, September 11, 1850, a daughter of Solomon R. and Mary Ann Spangler, who were likewise natives of Fairfield county and of German descent. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jones have been born eight children, as follows: Harry L., who died at the age of nineteen years; S. Guy, who is a teacher in Pillsbury Academy at Owatonna, Minnesota, and who married Letitia Felix; Mary C., the wife of Harold C. McCall, of Panama, by whom she has two children, Theo and Margaret; T. Edgar, who married Lulu B. Hanby; and Laura M., T. Gale, George H. and C. Paul, all still under the parental roof. A democrat in principle and practice, Mr. Jones was elected on the democratic ticket in 1869 to the office of justice of the peace and has served continuously since that time, in later years the republicans having placed no candidate in the field. This fact indicates the confidence and trust which is reposed in him by his fellow townsmen regardless of political views. Mr. Jones is also a devoted member of the Licking Baptist church, having become identified with the church in 1859, Mrs. Jones also being a member of the same denomination. He is a Mason, belonging to Hebron Lodge

No. 116, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a past master, and he is also a member of Warren Chapter, No. 6, at Newark, and the Eastern Star Chapter, No. 123, of Hebron. During the Civil war he served as captain of the Home Guards. He possesses all the elements of what may be termed a "square" man—one in whom the public have the utmost confidence. He is a man of broad and comprehensive views, who looks upon the world as he finds it. The people of Licking county regard him as exemplary in every respect and are proud to call him their own.

SAMUEL L. BLUE.

Samuel L. Blue needs no introduction to the readers of this volume. Those at all acquainted with the enterprising little city of Homer know Colonel Blue, as he is familiarly called, for he is engaged in general merchandising there and is one of the progressive and valued citizens of the community. He was born in Hampshire county, Virginia, March 15, 1838, and has therefore passed the seventy-first milestone on life's journey. His parents, Richard and Lucinda (Larimore) Blue, were both members of old Virginia families and at one time the Blue family were large slaveholders of the south. In the fall of 1850 Richard Blue, with his wife and seven children, left the Old Dominion and came to Licking county, Ohio, settling upon a farm in Bennington township, where for several years he carried on general agricultural pursuits. He then sold the property and removed to Homer, where his last days were passed, his death occurring in 1898. He was then in his ninety-first year and had retained his mental faculties unimpaired to the last. His political allegiance was always given to the democracy and he was very interested in matters of progressive citizenship. His wife reached the age of seventy-seven years, passing away in 1891.

In his parents' home Samuel L. Blue spent the days of his boyhood and youth and his education was obtained in the common schools of that day. During the first three winter terms he pursued his studies in a log school house in Virginia, and in that primitive temple of learning gained his first insight into the knowledge which served as a foundation of all subsequent mental acquirement. His training at farm labor, however, was not meagre, for as soon as he was old enough to handle a plow he was put to work in the fields and remained on the home farm until after he reached the age of twenty-six years. He then came to Homer, believing that he would prefer a commercial to an agricultural life, and here engaged in merchandising, opening business on the 1st of January, 1865, in the room where he has carried on business continually for forty-four years. Throughout this entire period his business methods have been unassailable and his own integrity as well as enterprise has been one of the strong features in winning his success.

It was before he left the farm that Mr. Blue was married in 1862 to Miss Sarah E. Smith of this county. They became parents of three daughters: Nettie, the wife of J. W. Sigler, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio; Eleanor, residing at Columbus, Ohio, who is recording clerk in the state senate; and Mable, the wife of Charles Hayes, of Homer, Ohio. In politics Mr. Blue has been a lifelong democrat and has been called to fill various public positions. He served as postmaster of Homer

under President Andrew Johnson, for two or three terms was township clerk, while for ten consecutive terms he served as township treasurer. He was also president of the school board for fifteen or sixteen years and the cause of education found in him a stalwart champion, ever interested in the welfare of the public schools. Still higher official honors came to him in 1887, when he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature, and that his labors there received uniform indorsement is indicated in the fact that he was reelected in 1889 and thus served for four years, during which time he was connected with much constructive legislation and left the impress of his individuality upon the laws enacted during that period. He gave careful consideration to all questions which came up for settlement, and it was soon recognized that he was fearless in support of his honest convictions. In 1900 he was elected land appraiser of his township, which is the last public position that he has filled. Fraternally he is connected with Licking Lodge No. 2919, A. F. & A. M., and during the existence of the Odd Fellows Lodge in Homer he held membership therein and filled all of its chairs. No citizen of this part of the county is more widely known, enjoys to a fuller extent the good will and confidence of the people and more justly merits this confidence. While he has now passed beyond the psalmist's allotted span of life of three score years and ten, he is yet an active factor in life's work and is one of the most popular and honored residents of Homer.

J. R. DAVIES.

The life record of J. R. Davies stands in contradistinction to the old adage, that a prophet is never without honor save in his own country, for in the county of his nativity J. R. Davies has gained recognition as an able lawyer and is now numbered among the successful and capable representatives of the bar. His birth occurred in Granville on the 15th of February, 1845, his parents being David A. and Anne (Reese) Davies, both of whom were natives of Newtown, Wales. They came to America in 1840 and about 1841 settled in Granville. The father was a weaver by trade and followed that business for a number of years, owning and operating a hand loom. He wove carpets and flannels and found a good market for his products. For many years he was a deacon in the Baptist church of Granville and was both widely and favorably known in business and church circles. His life was at all times honorable and upright, winning for him the unqualified respect of those with whom he came in contact. He died in Granville in 1886, while his wife passed away a few years later. They had for more than four decades been residents of the county and had always given their influence on the side of justice, truth and right.

J. R. Davies was educated in Denison University and graduated in 1869 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then determined to become a member of the legal fraternity and entered the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, where he won the degree of Bachelor of Laws, in 1871. The same year he was admitted to the bar, at Newark, and immediately afterward began practice in this city, where he has since continued, securing an extensive clientage

whereby he has been connected with much of the important litigation tried in the courts of this district. Earnest application, comprehensive study and the ability to correctly apply principles of jurisprudence in the points in litigation have gained him success, winning many verdicts favorable to his clients. His arguments are strong and forceful and at all times he displays that respect to the court which is its due, loyally caring for the interests of his clients, yet never forgetting that he owes a still higher allegiance to the majesty of the law. He engages in general practice and is the attorney of the Newark Trust Company, of which he is also a director.

In 1882 Mr. Davies was married to Miss Mary E. Anderson. His children are: Elizabeth Rose, now the wife of H. W. Amos of the Cambridge Jeffersonian; Clara Anne, instructor in Shepardson College; and William Ashmore, deceased.

In politics Mr. Davies is independent, nor has he ever sought office save on one occasion, when he was candidate for mayor. His inactivity as a political worker, however, does not preclude his helpful interest in many other matters of general moment. The cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion and he is now serving as secretary of the board of trustees of Denison University and also of Shepardson College, while of the Ohio Baptist convention he is also a trustee. He has always been a close student of those questions and interests which are to the statesman and the man of affairs of grave import. As a lawyer he has made that steady progress which shows that he remains a student of his profession, keeping at all times thoroughly familiar with the fundamental principles of law as well as with the specific principles or precedents which bear upon his case. His friends find him a social and genial gentleman and his unfailing courtesy and friendly spirit have gained for him high regard throughout the community.

ELLIS B. JONES.

Ellis B. Jones, who owns and operates one hundred and sixty acres of valuable and well improved land in Madison township, is well known not only as an agriculturist but as a breeder and raiser of Shetland ponies, in which he is quite extensively engaged. He was born in Newark township, Licking county, March 3, 1853, a son of Richard and Elizabeth (Evans) Jones, both of whom were natives of Wales, whence at the age of eight years they accompanied their respective parents to this country. Both the Jones and Evans families established their homes in Licking county, the former settling in Newark township, while the latter located in Granville township. Richard Jones followed the blacksmith's trade in Newark for fifty-eight years and there died at the advanced age of eighty-two years, while his wife preceded him to the home beyond, her death occurring at the comparatively early age of forty-eight years.

Ellis B. Jones, the subject of this review, was reared in Newark and attended the grammar schools of this city. After putting aside his text-books he learned the blacksmith's trade under the direction of his father and was engaged in business in Newark for thirty-eight years, during which time he was very suc-



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cessful. However, carefully saving his earnings in the meantime, he invested his money in one hundred and sixty acres of land, situated in Madison township, some years ago, and in 1897 removed to his farm and in connection with blacksmithing carried on general agricultural pursuits. About five years ago he abandoned blacksmithing and since that time has devoted his time entirely to the work of the fields and to breeding and raising Shetland ponies, in which he is meeting with excellent success. His farm is improved with good buildings and everything about the place is kept in a good state of repair, indicating the progressive methods of the owner.

Mr. Jones was married May 19, 1881, the lady of his choice being Miss Irene G. Flory, a resident of Newark. Their union has been blessed with six children, of whom five survive: Florence, the wife of Charles Fleming, a resident of Hanover township; Wilfred; Ruth; Richard; and Frederick. They lost a little daughter, Alice, at the age of four years.

Mr. Jones is a stalwart republican in his political views and is a man highly respected not only in the locality where he now makes his home, but in Newark, where he was engaged in business for so many years. He has never taken an active interest in public affairs, preferring to do his duty as a private citizen, and all who know him esteem him for his many good traits of heart and mind.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM HANNIBAL JOHNSON, A. B.

Professor William Hannibal Johnson, occupying the chair of Latin in Denison University, is known to the general public through his authorship of various articles that have appeared in the leading magazines of the country. His ability as an educator also places him in a prominent position among those who are devoting their lives to the profession. He was born on a farm in Monroe county, Ohio, March 26, 1860, a son of Enoch Dye and Charlotte (Dibble) Johnson, the former a native of Tyler county, West Virginia, and the latter of Marietta, Ohio. The family from which Professor Johnson traces his ancestry in the paternal line was founded in America by William Johnson, who came from England and secured land from Lord Fairfax. A part of the ancestral estate is still in possession of one branch of the family. Charlotte (Dibble) Johnson was a daughter of Collin and Edna (Bingham) Dibble, the latter a direct descendant of John Alden, the story of whose courtship forms one of the most romantic chapters in American history. Enoch D. Johnson is a brother of Judge Okey Johnson, of the West Virginia supreme court. It was in the year 1857 that Enoch D. Johnson arrived in Ohio, where he has since made his home, being now a resident of Marietta. He has been very prominent in church and temperance work and his influence in these directions has been of no restricted order. His wife died in the year 1873. They were the parents of six daughters and Professor Johnson, the only son, was the third of the family in order of birth.

Reared on a farm in Monroe county, Ohio, becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, Professor Johnson there remained until the fall of 1879, when desirous of enjoying better educational

opportunities than the public schools had afforded, he entered the preparatory department of Denison University and was graduated therefrom with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1885. He afterward taught in the Indian University at Muskogee, Oklahoma, for a year and subsequently became instructor in Greek at the academy of Granville. In 1893 he was elected to the professorship of Latin in Denison University and spent the next year in Johns Hopkins University, where he pursued a special course preparing him for his work in Granville. He then accepted the chair in Denison, where he has since remained with the exception of a half year spent in study in the museums and libraries of New York city. He has gained recognition as one of the able educators of the state and stands for all that is progressive. He never considers any position as final but regards it rather as a point from which to advance to the accomplishment of still larger purposes. He is a writer of much force and for a year was a regular reviewer for the *New York Nation* and *Evening Post*. He has also contributed various short stories, poems and articles covering a wide range to the leading periodicals of the country, including the *Atlantic Monthly*, *Century*, the *North American Review*, *Lippincott's*, *Harper's Weekly*, the *Independent* and the *New York Times*. His writings have constituted interesting features in these publications and have made him widely known to the reading public.

In 1890 Professor Johnson was married to Miss Augusta Gieze, a native of Philadelphia and a daughter of Henry and Sarah N. (Schofield) Gieze, the former a native of Germany, while the latter was a descendant of a Virginian family connected with the Society of Friends. Professor and Mrs. Johnson have two sons, Arthur Lowell and Alfred Janney. Their home is the abode of generous and cordial hospitality and is the center of a cultured society circle. Professor Johnson has always taken an active interest in politics, regarding it as the duty as well as the privilege of every true American citizen to uphold the principles which he believes are most conducive to good government. He usually votes with the democratic party, yet is not bound by party ties and when occasion demands freely casts his vote for candidates of other political affiliation. An earnest worker in the Baptist church, he is now serving as superintendent of the Sunday school. It would be tautological in this connection to enter into any series of statements showing him to be a man of scholarly attainments and broad general information, for these have been shadowed forth between the lines of this review. There is in him, however, a broad charity and abiding sympathy which, taken in connection with his intellectual force and honorable manhood, have won him the confidence, good will and esteem of all.

HOOPER FRANKLIN.

Hooper Franklin, well known as a prominent representative of fire insurance in Newark, was born in Marion, Ohio, January 3, 1858. His father, George Franklin, was a native of England and when only two years of age was brought to the United States by his parents, who resided for a short time in Utica, New York, and came to Newark in the early '30s. Here the grandfather, Edward Franklin, established the Franklin Bank in Newark in 1837 and it is still in

existence under the name of the Franklin National Bank, being one of the oldest financial institutions of the county. Edward Franklin was closely identified with the early development and material progress of this part of the state, and his son, George Franklin, carried on the work instituted by him, at all times being an active factor in public improvement. He spent the first part of his life in the banking business and for twenty years was engaged in the fire insurance business prior to his retirement. He now lives in Newark in the enjoyment of well earned rest, his former activity justly entitling him to his present leisure.

Hooper Franklin, educated in the public schools of Newark, afterward took up the study of telegraphy, at which he worked for two years. On the 1st of June, 1877, he entered the fire insurance business with his father in Newark and they were associated until the father's retirement, when Hooper Franklin became sole owner of the business, which he has since carried on alone. His is one of the large fire insurance agencies of this part of the state, and enjoys an extensive clientage.

In 1883 Mr. Franklin was married to Miss Mary L. Pierce, a native of Muskingum county, Ohio, who died in 1887, leaving a daughter, Florence Ethel. Mr. Franklin is well known in this county, where he has spent almost his entire life and where his business enterprise, his public-spirited citizenship and his social qualities have gained for him the warm friendship and esteem of all who know him.

R. F. YOST.

R. F. Youst, conducting a barber shop and otherwise identified with business interests in Homer, in the line of insurance, was born in Versailles, Darke county, Ohio, August 17, 1865, his parents being William and Sarah C. (Larimore) Youst. The father's birth occurred in Hampshire county, Virginia, July 6, 1829, and about 1854 he came to Ohio, taking up his abode on a farm near Homer. Soon afterward he was married, and early in the '60s he removed to Darke county, Ohio, but returned, however, to Licking county in 1867 and here purchased a farm a mile west of Homer. For about sixteen years he cultivated and improved that property and in 1883 he sold it and purchased one hundred and twenty-five acres about a half mile north of Homer. Upon this place he has since resided, the land being rich and productive, the fields annually returning to him golden harvests. In his political views he is a democrat, unswerving in his allegiance to the party. His wife died August 22, 1901. They were the parents of eight children: Edward, a resident of Brandon, Knox county, Ohio; Charles, of Homer, Ohio; Lewis, residing in Columbus, Ohio; R. F., of this review; Gertrude, the wife of William Beaver, of Homer, Ohio; Joseph S., a resident of Homer, Ohio; Lorin and Ella, both deceased.

In taking up the present history of R. F. Youst we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely known in Licking county. He spent his youth with his parents and was educated in the public schools of Homer, passing through consecutive grades until he became a high school student. He remained on the farm until his twenty-second year, when he accepted a clerkship in a mercantile establishment in Homer, being thus employed for two years. He then engaged

in the barber business, opening a shop, to which he gave two days of his time each week, while the remainder of the time the shop was under the care of an assistant and Mr. Youst remained as a clerk in the store. After thirteen years' identification with mercantile interests he withdrew entirely from that field and has since devoted his attention to the conduct of the barber shop. He is also engaged in the insurance soliciting business and is recognized as one of the forceful business men of Homer.

In 1891 occurred the marriage of Mr. Youst to Miss Florence F. Sellers, of Homer, a daughter of Christian Sellers, now deceased. In his fraternal relations Mr. Youst is connected with Licking lodge No. 291, A. F. & A. M., of Utica, and is a charter member of Burlington lodge No. 551, K. P. He belongs also to the Methodist Episcopal church and in politics is a stalwart democrat. He is now serving as clerk of the township and clerk of the school board, and has been incumbent in both of these offices for several years, the duties of which he discharges in a manner so prompt and capable that it has won for him high encomiums from all interested.

CHARLES P. KING, M. D.

There is no profession which demands the sympathy and humanitarianism or calls for more thorough business ability and keener discrimination than that to which Dr. Charles P. King is now devoting his energies. Realizing fully the obligations that devolve upon him, he performs his professional service most conscientiously and industriously and has been accorded the success to which his merit justly entitles him. A native son of Newark, his record is in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is never without honor save in his own country. His birth occurred here March 7, 1841. His father, Samuel D. King, was born in Martinsburg, Virginia, in 1800, and came to Newark in 1829. For many years he successfully practiced law in this city and wielded a wide influence in public affairs, serving as a member of the state legislature and doing much to mold public thought and opinion. He wedded Mary Ann Irwin, a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and both have now passed away, the father's death having occurred in 1880, while his wife survived until 1893.

At the usual age Dr. King was sent as a pupil to the public schools of Newark and eventually he became a student in Kenyon College, from which he was graduated in 1862. Later that institution conferred upon him the Master of Arts degree in 1905. His classical course completed, he took up the study of medicine and was graduated from the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia with the class of 1867. The same year he returned to Newark and began practice with his brother-in-law, Dr. Hamill, a leading physician of this city. He was not long in demonstrating to the public that his knowledge and ability well qualified him to cope with the intricate problems that continually confront the physician and as the years have gone by he has done splendid work in professional lines and has won well merited success. He belongs to the Columbus Academy of Medicine, County, State, and American medical associations, and is always inter-



DR. C. P. KING

ested in everything pertaining to his profession or the advancement of scientific knowledge. He is also chief medical examiner for life insurance companies, including the Pennsylvania Mutual, the Manhattan, the United States and others. He was city physician for three years and was one of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad surgeons for several years. He was in correspondence with some of the most eminent men in the medical profession in this country, among these being Professor Osler of the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, now professor at Oxford, England; the late Professor Senn of Chicago, the great surgeon; Professor Flint of New York, and the late Professor Roberts Bartholow of Philadelphia.

In 1873 Dr. King was married to Miss Helen Robbins, a native of Newark and a daughter of Willis Robbins, one of the old settlers here. They have one daughter living, Jessie King. Dr. King is a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon, a college fraternity. He belongs to the Second Presbyterian church and has been a close and earnest student of the Bible. He wields a facile pen and is a voluminous writer, having made frequent contributions to medical journals, local papers and other publications. He has a most versatile mind and his reading and writing have covered a wide range, including medical, historical, theological and other subjects. His reply to Dr. Osler attracted wide attention, as did his replies to the Rev. Charles Parkhurst and Professor Pierson, of Chicago University, on the infallibility of the Bible and the miracles respectively. He has written more than seventy articles for publication, which indicate his wide reading and research, his original thought and his logical deductions. He has read several scientific papers before the Ohio State Medical Association and was appointed a delegate from that body to the American Medical Association, which met at Chicago some time ago. He delivered a lecture before the Ministerial Association of this city, at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, on the subject of "Modern Skepticism"—a defense of the Bible. He also delivered an address before the young ladies of the high school in this city, his subject being "The Tyranny of Fashion." Dr. King is also known in military circles, being the captain of the Squirrel Hunters. He is a gentleman of strong mentality, of clear insight and forceful character, standing fearlessly at all times in support of his honest convictions and commanding the respect of even those who hold different opinions.

CHARLES E. EARHART.

Charles E. Earhart, a practical and enterprising farmer of Hanover township, where he is also serving as township trustee, was born December 14, 1873, on the farm which is yet his home, his parents being William W. and Susan C. (Lynn) Earhart. His father was a prominent, progressive and valued citizen of Hanover township for many years and a representative of one of its oldest families, for he was born within its borders September 19, 1824. His life record covered the intervening years until the 6th of December, 1890, when he passed away within about a half mile of his birthplace. His entire life being spent in this county, he was well known to its citizens and all with whom he came in contact entertained for him the warmest regard by reason of his noble qualities of heart and mind.

As stated, he represented one of the pioneer families of the county, his father, John B. Earhart, having removed to Licking county from Hagerstown, Maryland. Few settlements had been made in this part of the state at the time and much of the land was still in its primitive condition, not a furrow having been turned nor an improvement made upon it. John B. Earhart took up a tract of land adjoining the old Stanbery farm in Madison township and there gave his attention to agricultural pursuits. He was also a boat captain and at an early age William W. Earhart learned to drive on his father's boat before there were any railroads in Newark or vicinity. Later he became captain of a boat owned by James Smith of Newark, and subsequently purchased the C. Delano and Walter Smith. For twenty-five years he gave his attention chiefly to freighting, carrying goods to all points along the Ohio canal between Cleveland and Portsmouth. This brought him a wide acquaintance and all who knew him recognized in him a man of sterling business integrity and enterprise.

In June, 1857, William W. Earhart was married to Miss Susan C. Lynn, a daughter of George Lynn and a sister of William Lynn, who was at one time treasurer of Muskingum county. In the fall of 1857 Captain Earhart removed to Adair county, Missouri, settling near Kirksville, where he purchased a farm, but after a year returned to Newark, and in the spring of 1863 bought a boat from James Smith and resumed canal boating, which he followed until the fall of 1865. He then permanently retired from that business and purchased the Williams tavern six miles east of Newark, after which he gave his attention to the management of the inn and to general agricultural pursuits until 1872. In that year he disposed of his property there and purchased a part of the land belonging to the Colonel Hollister estate near Hanover. Upon that farm he erected a comfortable dwelling, which he made his home until his demise. He was a prominent and influential resident of the community and was active in establishing and promoting the Hanover public schools, serving for a long time as a member of the school board. He also acted in the same capacity in Madison township and filled the office of township trustee. In his political affiliations he was a democrat, and his personal worth, the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen and their knowledge of his patriotic devotion to the public good, led to his election for office. He was also a member of the Pioneer Society in Licking county and possessing a retentive memory, took great delight in relating various incidents of the early days in this part of the state. He is now enrolled among the honored pioneer settlers whose labors laid broad and deep the foundation upon which the present prosperity of the county has been built. His widow was called to her home beyond November 20, 1908. She was born in Harding county, Virginia, September 6, 1832, and when about twelve years of age was left an orphan. Soon afterward she came to Ohio with a brother and sister who settled in Licking county. By her marriage to Captain Earhart she became the mother of ten children: William Henry, a fruit grower and farmer, who resides at Lexington, Richland county, Ohio, and where he has served as postmaster and justice of the peace, elected on a republican ticket; Julia Belle, who became the wife of Z. T. Dumbauld, but is now deceased; George W. and Nellie Grant, who have departed this life; Annie Sherman, who was given the latter name owing to the fact that she was born on the anniversary of the birth

of General Sherman, whose photograph and autograph she received; Carrie Randall; Mary Margaret, the wife of Edward Nussbaum of Tuscarawas county; Charles E., of this review; Grace Adelle; and Bettie Lynn.

Charles E. Earhart was a public school student in his home locality and afterward attended the Hanover high school, but owing to his father's death was obliged to put aside his text-books in order to take charge of the home farm of twenty-five acres, which has since been under his control and by whom it has been ably, carefully and successfully managed. He is practical as well as progressive in all that he does and the place indicates his careful supervision in its neat and thrifty appearance.

On the 8th of June, 1899, Mr. Earhart was married to Miss Lavertie Meek of this county and their three children are: Bertha E., John L. and Helen M. In his political views he is a democrat, but with liberal tendencies, voting for men and measures rather than party. In the fall of 1907 he was nominated and elected by the democrats to the office of township trustee in a republican township—a fact which indicates his personal popularity and the high regard entertained for him by his fellowmen. He is a member of New Home lodge No. 338, F. & A. M., of Hanover, in which he is serving as secretary and trustee. He is also connected with the Eastern Star. One of the well known men of Hanover township, he represents one of its old and prominent pioneer families and his own life record has been in harmony with that of his father and grandfather, who were valued and influential citizens here.

MARION J. McCLELLAND.

Marion J. McClelland, a well known and prosperous farmer and stock raiser of Washington township, was born in Newton township, Licking county, Ohio, April 19, 1861, his parents being Henry and Vasta (Woodruff) McClelland, the former a native of Greene county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Licking county, this state. The father was called to his final rest July 10, 1906, having for several years survived his wife, who passed away March 22, 1901. Unto this worthy couple were born fourteen children, namely: Maria, the wife of S. B. Dodd, of Knox county; Cary, also living in Knox county; Marion J., of this review; Julia, the wife of C. Rice, of Knox county, Ohio; Ida, the wife of I. V. Miller, of Knox county; E. F., likewise a resident of Knox county; Olie, the wife of William Ferguson, of Knox county; John, living in Indiana; Delmont, who also makes his home in Knox county; Laura, the wife of Lester Beeny; Calvin, of Licking county; and three who are deceased.

Marion J. McClelland acquired a common school education and remained at home until he had attained his majority. Subsequently he rented his father's farm for a period of three years and at the end of that time bought a tract of eighty-three acres in Washington township where he now resides. As the years have passed by he has added to his original purchase until his farm now comprises one hundred and ninety-five acres of rich and productive land, in the cultivation of which he has met with a well merited measure of success. He likewise makes a

specialty of raising and breeding sheep and is well known and highly esteemed as a representative and enterprising agriculturist of his community. He has recently completed a commodious and handsome residence, containing eleven rooms, which is generally conceded to be the finest home in Washington township.

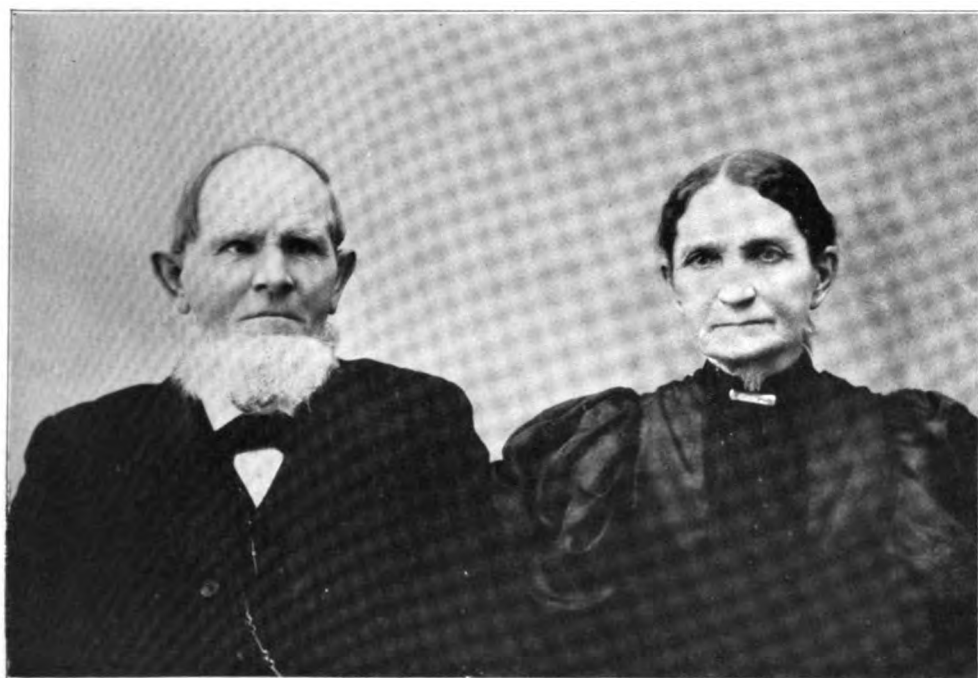
In 1890 Mr. McClelland was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Haas, whose birth occurred in Licking county in 1868, her parents being William and Elizabeth (Wagner) Haas, also natives of this county. Their family numbered six children and they passed away in 1888 and 1886 respectively. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McClelland have been born two children: Lillian, a student in the high school at St. Louisville, Ohio; and Herbert Dean. Prior to her marriage Mrs. McClelland had been engaged in teaching school.

In his political views Mr. McClelland is a stalwart democrat and has served in the office of school director, the cause of education ever finding in him a stanch champion. Both he and his wife are supporters of the Disciple church, and are widely and favorably known throughout the county in which they have spent their entire lives.

JOSEPH POUND.

Joseph Pound, a retired farmer, residing on his valuable farm of two hundred and twelve acres, one hundred acres of which lie in Mary Ann township and the rest in Newton township, was born in Orange county, New York, on the 13th of October, 1831, his parents being Isaac and Sarah J. (Carr) Pound, who were also natives of the Empire state. In 1848 Isaac Pound took up his abode in Licking county, purchased land and continued to make his home here until he passed away in 1894, at the venerable age of eighty-six years. His widow, surviving him a number of years, was called to her final rest in 1903, when she died in her ninetieth year. Their family numbered ten children, namely: Joseph, of this review; Nelson, deceased; Henry S., living in New York; Isaac and Samuel, who have also passed away; Edson, a resident of Newton township; Mary E., the wife of O. J. Green, of Licking county; Sarah E., deceased; Ellen, the wife of Lee Atherton, of Delaware; and Isabelle, deceased.

Joseph Pound acquired a good common-school education and remained under the parental roof until the time of his marriage. Subsequently he divided his time between the profession of school teaching and the pursuit of farming, carrying on the former vocation during the winter seasons, while in the summer months he worked in the fields. For fourteen years he made his home on a farm, which he had purchased from his father but, on the expiration of that period, sold the property and bought the place of sixty-two acres in Newton township on which he has since resided and increased in extent. As the years went by he made many substantial improvements on his property and the highly-cultivated fields annually returned to him golden harvests, which found a ready sale on the market. When his untiring and well-directed labors had brought him a goodly competence he retired from the active work of the fields and is now spending his remaining days in the enjoyment of richly-merited rest.



MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH POUND

In 1855 Mr. Pound was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Richardson, a daughter of Samuel Richardson. They had seven children, as follows: Clarence N., residing in Mary Ann township; Ora G., who lives on the home farm; and five who have passed away and named as follows: Emma, who married Samuel D. Lyon; Ida, married Edwin Clay; Isaac; George; and one who died in infancy unnamed.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, Mr. Pound has given his political allegiance to the men and measures of the democracy and has served as assessor for three terms, while for three years he was a member of the school board. Both he and his wife are devoted and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which he takes an active and helpful interest, serving now as trustee thereof. He has resided in this county sixty-one years and is, therefore, largely familiar with its upbuilding and substantial development, especially along agricultural lines, with which he has been connected throughout the entire period of his manhood. He is widely and favorably known throughout the community, having won the unqualified confidence and regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

JAMES LEES.

James Lees, now living retired, was for many years connected with general agricultural pursuits. His record from boyhood down to the present time contains many commendable chapters concerning business activity and integrity, and loyalty and progressiveness in citizenship. He was born in Montclair, New Jersey, December 4, 1840, and is a son of Samuel and May (Wild) Lees, both of whom were natives of Yorkshire, England, the former born December 14, 1785, and the latter February 5, 1795. Following their marriage they came to America in 1827 and settled in New Jersey, where the father engaged in business as a woolen manufacturer. Their family numbered nine children: Ann, born April 30, 1819, who is deceased; Elizabeth, who was born October 24, 1821, and is a resident of New Jersey; Mary, born December 26, 1823, who has also passed away; Jane, whose birth occurred July 6, 1826, and who is deceased; Thomas, whose natal day was September 30, 1828, and who is likewise deceased; John, born December 14, 1830, and who has passed away; Joseph, who was born February 18, 1833, and is now living in Newark township; Sarah, born August 10, 1836, who is deceased; and James, of this review. The father of this family passed away on the 1st of August, 1869, while the mother departed this life on the 26th of January, 1879.

James Lees remained under the parental roof until sixteen years of age and during that period acquired his education in the public schools. He then started out in business life on his own account and came to Licking county, where he worked as a farm hand for four years. On the expiration of that period he enlisted as a member of the Union army in the Civil war, joining Company H of the Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three years as a loyal defender of the stars and stripes. He participated in the engagements of Perryville, Kent, Stone River and several other battles and on one occasion was

captured and imprisoned, suffering many hardships while thus in captivity. On the expiration of his three years' term he was honorably discharged at Camp Dennison and returned to Licking county. Here he again took up general agricultural pursuits, became a farmer, brought his fields under a high state of cultivation, carefully directing his efforts along well defined lines of labor until he gained substantial success and with a handsome competence retired to enjoy his remaining days without further recourse to labor.

On the 20th of September, 1868, James Lees was married to Miss Elizabeth Cochran, a native of Maryland, and they have three children: William A., a resident of this county; Mary C., the widow of Clark D. Barrows, who likewise makes her home in Licking county; and Sarah E., of this county. In his political views Mr. Lees has always been a stalwart republican, espousing the party which was the defense of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war, and has always been the party of reform and progress. He has never sought nor filled political offices, but has been school director, and the cause of education finds in him a warm and stalwart friend. He is interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the community and has never failed to give his aid to movements which he believes will prove of public good. His fellow townsmen recognize in him a man worthy of their good will and respect and as a veteran of the Civil war he deserves the gratitude of the nation.

J. C. KRIEG.

J. C. Krieg, who since 1901 has acceptably filled the position of superintendent of the Children's Home, is well qualified for this work in that he is a man of broad, humanitarian spirit, his helpful nature finding ready expression in his efforts to care for the homeless and helpless little ones under his charge. Mr. Krieg enjoys to the fullest extent the respect of those connected with the institution and of those with whom other relations of life have brought him in contact. His history, therefore, cannot fail to prove of interest to many of our readers. A native of Baltimore, Maryland, he was born October 25, 1857, a son of William Krieg, whose birth occurred in Germany October 25, 1827. He came to the United States in 1847 when a young man of twenty years, settling in Baltimore, but prior to the Civil war he removed to Frederick county, Maryland, where his remaining days were passed, his death there occurring July 1, 1907, when he was in the eightieth year of his age. He had landed in America on the 1st of July just fifty years before. He possessed much natural mechanical ingenuity and skill, and conducted business as a buggy and carriage manufacturer. His wife, Mrs. Mary (Martell) Krieg, is a native of France and is still living at the age of seventy-five years.

As the family home was in that section of the country where contending armies passed back and forth, laying waste everything that could be utilized for army supplies, the Kriegs lost all they possessed through the fortunes of war, and when but eleven years of age J. C. Krieg had to go to work to provide for his own support. He was first employed as a farm hand for fifty cents per week and his

board, continuing thus at manual labor until 1880, when he came to Newark and entered the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. After nine months spent in that service he became a clerk in the employ of John W. Fife, but soon afterward engaged with Thomas H. Keller in selling buggies.

In 1883 Mr. Krieg was united in marriage to Miss Etta M. Montgomery and went to Emporia, Kansas, where he was employed in a shoe store for two years. He afterward returned to Licking county and for a year worked on a farm belonging to his father-in-law, John F. Montgomery. He afterward became clerk to O. G. King in the shoe business, remaining with the King Shoe Company for fifteen years as a most trusted and trustworthy employe. He left that position in 1901 when appointed superintendent of the Children's Home, where he has since remained, giving acceptable service in this capacity during the seven years in which he has filled the position. Possessing an inventive turn of mind and much mechanical skill, he does all the plumbing and other such work at the institution and has patented a very successful invention known as Krieg's Gas Burner. He has also invented and expects to secure a patent upon an automatic cow stable, which promises to be a great success.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Krieg have been born five children: Lawrence M., born October 25, 1884, on the twenty-seventh anniversary of his father's birth and the fiftieth anniversary of his grandfather's birth; Mary Etta; Harold C.; Dorothy V.; and Elizabeth Katherine, all yet at home.

Mr. Krieg is a member of the Newark Masonic lodge and of the Methodist church. Adverse circumstances in early life developed in him a force of character that has enabled him to work his way upward in spite of seeming opposition and lack of advantages. He has become a well-read man, and is justly classed with those who are termed self-made. He deserves much credit and honor for what he has accomplished, his genuine worth gaining for him the respect of all with whom he has been associated. That he has given uniform satisfaction in his present position is indicated by the fact that he has been retained therein for seven years. He was also well known in commercial circles, and that he has ever been true to the trust reposed in him is a fact which stands unquestioned in his career.

A. H. HEISEY.

The leaders are comparatively few. The great mass of men seem content to remain in the positions in which they are placed by birth, experience or environment. Laudable ambition, ready adaptability and a capacity for hard work are essential elements of success, and in none of these requirements is A. H. Heisey ever found lacking. It is not a matter of marvel, therefore, that he occupies a prominent position among the business men of Newark who have been the promoters of her progress and development. The place to which he has attained is due to the fact that he has ability to recognize the opportune moment and to correctly appraise the value of a situation and to determine its possible outcome. He has thus been led into undertakings which are not only proving

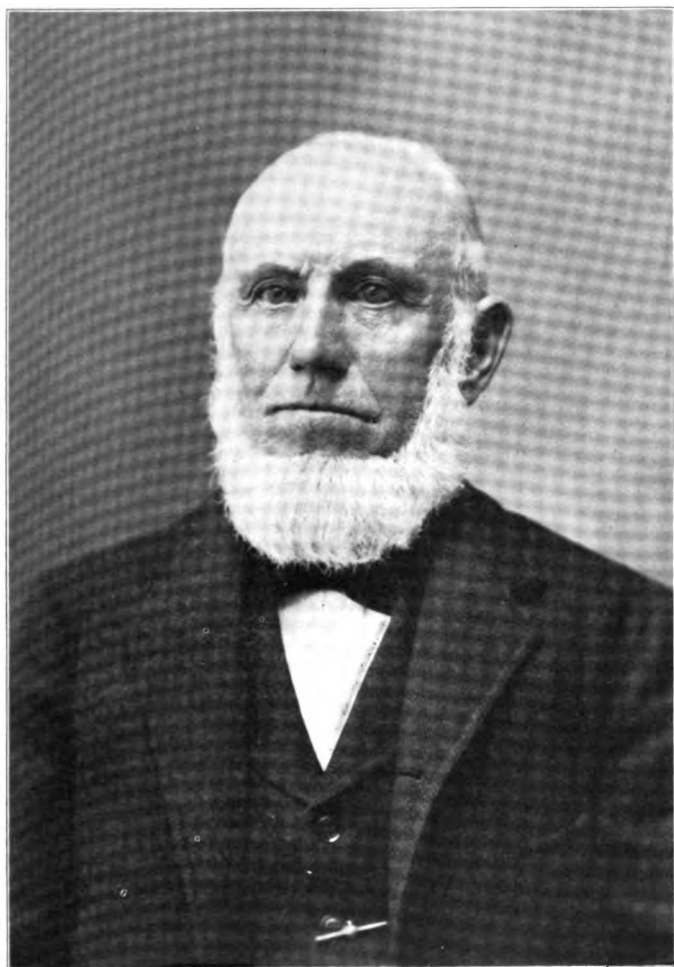
a gratifying source of revenue to himself but are also constituting elements in the commercial activity of his adopted city. He is today president of the firm of A. H. Heisey & Company, manufacturers of table glassware, and for twenty years was at the head of the firm of George Duncan & Sons, also engaged in the same line of business. He likewise became one of the organizers of the United States Glass Company, systematized its interests and continued as its manager for two years, when he resigned. Two years later, in 1895, he established the firm of A. H. Heisey & Company, of Newark, where he manufactures all kinds of table glassware. The erection of the buildings was begun in 1895 and the business was placed in successful operation in 1896. The plant is thoroughly equipped with the latest improved machinery and the most modern processes of manufacture are utilized, while skilled workmen are employed in conducting the business. The members of the company are: A. H., George D., E. Wilson and T. Clarence Heisey, and they employ altogether about seven hundred people, their products being shipped all over the world.

In addition to his connection with the Newark company, A. H. Heisey is president of the Pittsburg Clay Pot Company, controlling the largest business of the kind in America, acting as chairman of its board for twenty years. He is likewise the president of the Glass Association, president of the Joint Association, which is composed of the Keystone and Glass Associations, and also president of the Clay Pot Association of Pittsburg. His pronounced business ability has caused his cooperation to be sought in various quarters and he is now a director of several Pittsburg and Newark banks and of the Newark Heating and Light Company. He may well be classed among those men who have been termed captains of industry, for their powers and energies have enabled them to establish and control extensive interests wherein the public has been a large indirect beneficiary.

LEVI CRIST.

Levi Crist was born on a farm south of Thornville, Perry county, Ohio, November 20, 1826, and was the oldest of a family of eight children born unto Frederick and Mary Ann Crist. About the year 1832 he accompanied his parents to a farm near what is known as the Big Spring in the southern part of Licking county, and there his early boyhood days were passed. While yet very young, through force of circumstances, he assumed the control of the farm and by strict economy and good management he was soon able to purchase the adjoining tract of land. Mr. Crist was a progressive farmer and devoted his entire life to his chosen industry. Year after year he carefully cultivated his fields and in the autumn gathered a rich harvest. His efforts were crowned with success so that he continually added to his possessions and when he retired from business he had acquired a very comfortable estate.

On the 27th of January, 1859, Mr. Crist was married to Miss Catherine Cotterman, and unto them were born five children, one of whom died in early manhood, while four are still living. Mr. Crist passed away February 18, 1906, at the age of seventy-nine years, his faithful wife having preceded him to the grave about one year, at the age of nearly seventy years.



LEVI CRIST

Mr. Crist was an exemplary citizen, held in high esteem wherever known. He never failed to express his political preference at the polls but never sought nor desired office for himself. He was a life-long member of the Evangelical Lutheran church of Thornville, Ohio, was a liberal supporter of the church work and always gave generously to charity.

JOHN G. JONES.

John G. Jones, who is numbered among the enterprising and progressive agriculturists of Newark township, was born in Belmont county, Ohio, on the 7th of June, 1884, his parents being William H. and Mary C. Jones, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. Both the father and mother are living and make their home in Martins Ferry, Ohio. Their family numbered six children, namely: Anna, the wife of Simon Armstrong, of Martins Ferry, Ohio; William B., also a resident of Martins Ferry, Ohio; John G., of this review; Katie, at home; Sarah, deceased; and Florence, who is still under the parental roof.

John G. Jones acquired a common school education and when he had attained his majority started out on his business career as an employe in a glass house, being thus engaged for six months. Subsequently he worked in a sheet mill for three years and on the expiration of that period secured a position as baggage master for a railroad, being thus connected for a year. He next turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, locating on his present farm of seventy-six acres in Newark township, Licking county, in the conduct of which he is meeting with a well deserved measure of prosperity.

On the 4th of November, 1905, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Mrs. Flora (Turner) Kaiser, the widow of John J. Kaiser, a native of Missouri. A staunch democrat in his political views, he casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of that party. Though still young in years, he has already manifested that energetic and determined spirit which augurs well for a successful career and his friends predict for him a bright future.

DAVID WEAVER.

David Weaver is numbered among the veterans of the Civil war, who in response to the country's call for aid went to the front and throughout the entire period of hostilities manifested his loyalty to the Union in faithful defense of the old flag on southern battlefields. He is equally loyal to his country in days of peace and is classed with the worthy citizens of Homer. He was born here August 8, 1842, his parents being Harrison and Nancy (Yates) Weaver. The former was a native of Virginia and at an early period in the development of this part of the state came to Licking county with his father, John Weaver, and here spent his remaining days in the vicinity of Homer, giving his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits.

The boyhood and youth of David Weaver were quietly passed, as he spent his early life on the old home farm and acquired his education in the public schools. However, he was only about twelve years of age when his mother died and at that time was thrown upon his own resources. He has since been dependent upon his labors for whatever success he has achieved or enjoyed. When still quite young he went to Utica, Ohio, where he was employed for some years in a wagon factory. He was thus engaged at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war and enlisted in the Union army there, becoming a member of Company H, Third Ohio Infantry under Captain McDougall of Newark. This was in response to the first call for troops to serve for three months, as it was believed at that time that the war would last at most for only a few weeks, for the south thought that the north was too engrossed in money making to go forth in large numbers in defense of the federal government, while the north believed that the people of the south were too indolent to meet the demands of a vigorous warfare. It was soon proved, however, that the war was to be no mere holiday affair and the call was issued for troops to serve for three years. On the expiration of his first term Mr. Weaver reenlisted as a member of Company E, Twelfth Ohio infantry, under Captain Legg of Newark, and served in that command until 1864, when on the call for veterans he again enlisted and continued in the service of the same company until mustered out at the close of the war. Thus from the beginning until the end of hostilities he was on active duty at the front, participating in many hotly contested battles, including those of Antietam, South Mountain, and Second Bull Run. He was also in many other engagements in which his regiment took part, and he never faltered in his performance of duty, whether on the lonely picket line or in the midst of the firing line.

When the war was over Mr. Weaver returned home and took up the trade of blacksmithing, which he followed for a number of years. He then engaged in farming for a short time and in recent years has given his attention to teaming. He married Miss Driscilla Dickey, of Homer, in 1869, and unto this marriage five children have been born: John D., a railroad man with headquarters at Mt. Vernon; Miranda, at home; Lida, the wife of Clem Williams, of Homer; Bessie, also at home; and Collin G., a teamster of Homer.

In his political views Mr. Weaver is a republican but has never sought the honors nor emoluments of office as a reward for party fealty. He is always progressive in citizenship, however, and is much interested in everything that pertains to the welfare and progress of the community. In all business relations he has been reliable and straightforward and thus his life in days of peace as well as in times of war entitles him to representation in this volume.

ELI MOORE.

Eli Moore, who is prominent in the agricultural and business circles of Jersey township, this county, where he has resided for a number of years, is a native of New Jersey, where his birth occurred January 22, 1855, a son of Edward D. and Sarah (Harris) Moore. The family has a military record extending back to the Revolutionary war and even prior to that time. The great-grandfather was a

soldier of the Revolutionary war, fighting on the side of the colonies, while other relatives were enlisted in behalf of the mother country. The grandfather, John Harris, was a soldier in the war of 1812. The father, who was engaged in the jewelry business in Newark, New Jersey, for many years, served in the Second Regiment of the District of Columbia and also in the Army of the Potomac during the Civil war. His brother George, an uncle of our subject, rendered military service in the same regiment and enlisted when the first call came for troops, taking part in the first battle of Bull Run. Later he again enlisted for three years and was orderly sergeant of his company and during an engagement at White Plains, Virginia, he was taken prisoner and lodged in Libby Prison at Richmond, where he was held until the close of the war. Both he and his brother saw much active service. George Moore is still living and engaged in the jewelry business in Newark, New Jersey. In 1886, following the death of his wife, Eli Moore came to Ohio and has since made his home with his son Eli.

In the public schools of Newark, New Jersey, Eli Moore acquired his education and when a young man was apprenticed to a stairbuilder, with whom he remained until he had learned his trade, which he followed for some time as a journeyman. In the year 1876 he came to Ohio and finally settled in Jersey township, taking up farming, which he has since followed. His farm consists of eighty-seven acres of well cultivated land upon which he has made many improvements, supplying it with all of the conveniences required to pursue agriculture by modern methods. He engages to some extent in all phases of agriculture and at the same time pays some attention to buying, breeding and shipping stock.

On January 12, 1879, Mr. Moore wedded Miss Nancy Hills, a daughter of Loyal and Anna (Merrill) Hills, the family being prominent in the county. To this union were born: Edward; Loyal; Horace; Anna, the wife of Enos Condit; Morton; Benjamin; Eliza; and Frank. All reside with their parents except Edward, Loyal and Anna. A republican in politics, Mr. Moore is a loyal supporter and advocate of the principles of his party, which he considers fully adequate to subserve the highest interests of the nation, and is always ready during campaigns to exert his influence in behalf of the election of its candidates. Among the fraternal organizations with which he is affiliated is the Modern Woodmen of America, in the affairs of which he takes an active part. Mr. Moore is a man of strong intelligence, and being in every sense progressive, he is always in favor of every movement which will in any way advance the interests of the community and tend to ameliorate the conditions of the people. He is a man of high integrity and good morals, whose influence is always on the side of right, and he is regarded as one of the most valued citizens of the township.

H. D. RANK, M. D.

The attractiveness of Newark as a place of residence is indicated by the fact that many of her native sons have remained within her borders to enjoy the advantages and opportunities here offered. To this number belongs Dr. H. D. Rank, who first opened his eyes to the light of day here March 29, 1873. His father, Perry Rank, is a native of Fairfield county, Ohio, who came to Newark in 1872,

from which time he was actively connected with the business life of the city until his retirement in 1906. He was classed with the prominent and representative business men and has ever been an active factor in public affairs. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he cooperates in many movements that have proven of direct benefit to the city. His wife bore the maiden name of Louisa Dichlinger and is also a native of Ohio.

At the usual age Dr. Rank was sent as a pupil to the public schools and there passed through consecutive grades until he completed the high school course. A review of the business world and the opportunities offered, led him to the belief that he would find the practice of medicine a congenial and profitable vocation. He therefore began his reading and was graduated from the Miami Medical college with the class of 1903, after which he took up practice in Newark, where he has since remained. He is now a member of the Licking County, the Ohio State, and the National Medical Associations.

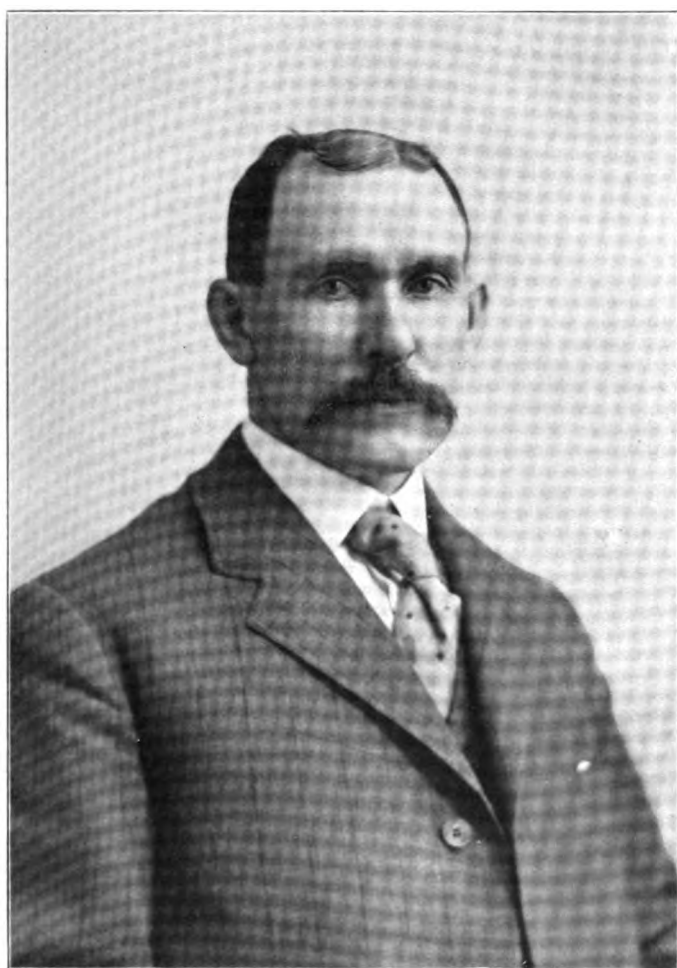
In April, 1907, Dr. Rank was married to Miss Maye Belle Smith, a native of Newark and a daughter of Walter A. Smith, a respected resident of this city. Dr. and Mrs. Rank occupy an enviable position in social circles and the hospitality of the best homes is freely accorded them. Dr. Rank is one of the younger members of the medical fraternity here, but his years seem no bar to his progress, for already he has secured an extensive practice which is growing as his efficiency increases through his experience and research.

CLEMENT L. V. HOLTZ.

The election of Clement L. V. Holtz as treasurer of Licking county was the logical sequence of his careful preparation and capability for the duties of the office. He is proving himself a most able custodian of the public funds, and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen is well merited.

Mr. Holtz was born in Knox county, Ohio, October 30, 1864, and is the son of John and Mary (Henry) Holtz, the former also a native of Knox county, Ohio, and the latter of Daviess county, Indiana. The Holtz family is of German lineage and was established in Pennsylvania at an early epoch in the history of that state. They were farming people through various generations, John Holtz also following agricultural pursuits, while his trustworthiness in matters of citizenship led to his selection for various township offices while he resided in Licking and Knox counties. In 1872 he removed to Licking county, taking up his abode upon a farm in Madison township, which he continued to till throughout his remaining days. He died in 1905, while his wife still resides on the old homestead.

C. L. V. Holtz was a youth of eight years at the time of the removal of the family to this county, and in the district schools he pursued his education until he was afforded the privilege of becoming a student in the Normal University at Ada, Ohio. He there pursued a scientific course and afterward engaged in teaching for fifteen years. On the 1st of September, 1898, he came to Newark as night watchman in the county treasurer's office and was promoted to the position of deputy treasurer in March, 1899. He did not take the former position merely



C. L. V. HOLTZ

for the remuneration which it afforded him, but also that he might study the methods of the office, thereby bringing him in the line of promotion, and instead of sleeping he devoted his time to a study of the work connected with the care of the public funds. He soon gained a comprehensive and accurate knowledge of the duties of the office, and, in fact, manifested such proficiency, that when W. N. Fulton was a candidate for county treasurer, Mr. Holtz's name was used by him as a strong point toward his election, as he gave the promise of making Mr. Holtz his deputy treasurer if he secured the office. As stated, Mr. Holtz received his appointment as deputy in March, 1899, and thus continued through successive administrations until elected county treasurer in the fall of 1905, entering upon the duties of the position in the spring of 1906. He has thus worked his way upward through his own efforts, and has made an efficient officer. That his course met with popular approval is indicated in the fact that he was a candidate for reelection without opposition in the fall of 1908 and was elected by a majority of eighteen hundred votes. He has done excellent work as a public official, and no incumbent in office in Licking county enjoys in fuller measure the trust and respect of those who exercise the franchise. He is also a director and secretary and treasurer of the Licking County Bank & Trust Company.

On the 13th of November, 1905, Mr. Holtz was married to Miss Lillian Kislingbery, a native of Licking county. They have a pleasant and hospitable home and their circle of friends is an extensive one. Mr. Holtz is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is also a member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he has taken the degrees of the lodge, chapter, council, commandery, and Mystic Shrine. He is likewise connected with the Elks and the Modern Woodmen. Wherever known, he commands regard, for he is noted for his fidelity, whether in office or in some quiet position where it is merely a matter of his own conscience and his own self respect. His life record contains many obvious lessons which might profitably be followed by others.

ERNEST JAY BARNES, M. D.

Dr. Ernest Jay Barnes, capable and conscientious in the performance of his professional duties, is by the consensus of public opinion accorded a prominent position in the ranks of the medical fraternity in Licking county. His birth occurred August 18, 1857, on a farm in St. Albans township, about two miles south of Alexandria, and he is a representative of one of the old and honored pioneer families of the county. In the paternal line he is of English and Scotch ancestry, three brothers having come from the north of England during the early period in the colonization of the new world, Dr. Barnes tracing his lineage back to Thomas C. Barnes, who was one of these brothers, and who settled on ground now the site of the city of Hartford, Connecticut, in 1636. Representatives of the family still live in all the New England states. Nathan Barnes, the great-grandfather, was a Revolutionary soldier, who valiantly aided the colonies in their struggle for independence. Most of the members of the family were men of large physique, and because of his small stature and neat appearance the great-grandfather was known

among his comrades as Nathan the Slick. Joseph Barnes, the grandfather, was a native of Connecticut and was married in Bristol, that state, to Miss Maria Matthews. About the year 1818 he removed westward with his family, having already visited the state in company with his four brothers. He located in St. Albans township, when Licking county was a wild and unimproved district, giving little promise of rapid development. Much of the land was still in its primitive condition, few farms having been placed under cultivation, while the native forest trees were still standing and the streams were unbridged. It was long prior to the era of railroad travel and all of the evidences of pioneer life were here to be seen. Joseph Barnes made three round trips from his home in Connecticut to Ohio and on the fourth trip he remained in Licking county. These journeys were all made with a horse except on one occasion he sold his entire outfit and returned to Connecticut on foot. On these various excursions to the new country he increased his exchequer by selling clocks which he purchased in his native state. He resolutely took up the arduous task of establishing a home in the midst of the green woods and as the years passed he not only promoted his own success but also contributed to the welfare and upbuilding of the community through his active co-operation with many movements for the public good. He was a deacon in the Baptist church, while his brothers were prominent in the Presbyterian church. Joseph Barnes spent his entire life, from the time of his arrival in Ohio, on the farm on which Dr. Barnes was born. He cleared it from the native forest trees and brought the fields under a high state of cultivation. When he first came to the county, as his resources were very limited, he exchanged labor with a neighbor who owned an ox-team, working for the neighbor for a time in order to obtain the use of the team in breaking his land. As the years passed, however, he prospered and in his later years dealt in farm property and also engaged in loaning money. His family numbered three children: Emarct C., Jane S., and Henry Nathan.

The last named, Henry Nathan Barnes, was the only one of the family who married. His birth occurred on the old family homestead in St. Albans township, September 2, 1831, and he resided on that property and an adjoining farm until 1878, when he came to Granville, where he has since made his home. In 1856 he married Julia L. Bishop, who was born in Union township, about four miles south of Granville, May 1, 1838, and died September 30, 1885. She was a daughter of Zebina and Pluma (Myrick) Bishop, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of New York. They became pioneer residents of Licking county and here reared their family of four daughters and two sons, whose names were as follows: Ellen M., Julia L., Dr. Sylvester P., Estelle C., Caroline A., and Edwin. Two children died in infancy. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Henry N. Barnes there were born three children: Ernest Jay, of this review; Albert Spurgeon, a practicing physician of Columbus; and Julia B., who for a number of years was superintendent of the Training School for Nurses at the German hospital in Buffalo, New York, and who in 1908 married Professor John W. Adams, now a teacher in the high school at Newark.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Dr. Ernest Jay Barnes in his boyhood and youth. He worked in the fields through the summer months and in the winter seasons attended the public schools. Later he entered Denison University, practically making his own way through

college. Desirous of exerting his energies in a professional career rather than in agricultural life, he became a student in Detroit Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1879. Previous to that time, however, he had read medicine for five years under the direction of his uncle, Dr. Sylvester P. Bishop, of Delta, Ohio. Locating for practice at White House, Ohio, Dr. Barnes there remained until 1884, when he removed to Hebron, where he practiced until 1894. In that year he came to Granville, where he has since given his attention to general practice. During his professional career he has been surgeon for numerous railroads and examiner for a large number of life insurance companies. His practice is of an important as well as extensive character and in all of his professional labor he has displayed marked fidelity to duty, performing his labors with a sense of conscientious obligation that has gained for him the confidence and good will of his fellowmen. He is a member of the County, State and American Medical Associations, and was honored with the presidency of the county society in 1905.

On the 27th of January, 1881, Dr. Barnes was married to Miss Louise E. Prouty, who was born in Mercer county, Ohio, and was brought to this county by her mother when two years of age. Her grandparents were pioneer settlers here. Her parents were Samuel D. and Ann (Patterson) Prouty, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of Vermont. Both came to Licking county with their respective parents in the '30s and settled near Granville. The grandfather, Simon Prouty, afterward removed to Davenport, Iowa, where his only living daughter now resides. In the year 1849 he went to California, attracted by the discovery of gold on the Pacific coast. The death of Samuel D. Prouty occurred September 1, 1862, when he was thirty-seven years of age, while his widow passed away in 1886, at the age of fifty-five years, her birth having occurred in 1831. After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Prouty they moved to Mercer county, Ohio, and established a home. Mr. Prouty was a stock dealer and farmer. After his death the widow, with her children, returned to the home of her parents in Granville township. They were the parents of six children: Samuel D., who for thirty years has been with the Vandalia Railroad Company and makes his home in St. Louis, Missouri; William, who died at the age of six years; George A., of Toledo; Cora Isabel, the wife of S. T. Budd, of Columbus; Mrs. Barnes; and Burton, also living in the capital city. The home of Dr. and Mrs. Barnes has been blessed with six children: Ernest Fancourt, a machinist; Paul Raymond; Harold Prouty, who owns and conducts the Barnes Pharmacy at Columbus, Ohio; Albert Kenneth, now attending high school; Henry Wendall, who died August 28, 1900, at the age of two years, one month and thirteen days; and Dorothea Louise, who died September 12, 1902, when only a year and seventeen days old.

Politically Dr. Barnes is a republican, interested in the growth and success of his party and recognized as one of its local leaders. He served as a member of the board of education while residing in Hebron and was also a member of the village council there. He is prominent and popular in Masonic circles, being a past master of Center Star Lodge, No. 11, F. & A. M., and is also a past chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias Lodge. For thirty years he has been a member of the Baptist church, devoted to its interests and generous in its support. His has been a well spent life, characterized by honorable principles and straightforward purposes. His success, too, is attributable entirely to his own labors and in order to complete his college course he devoted two years to teaching while engaged

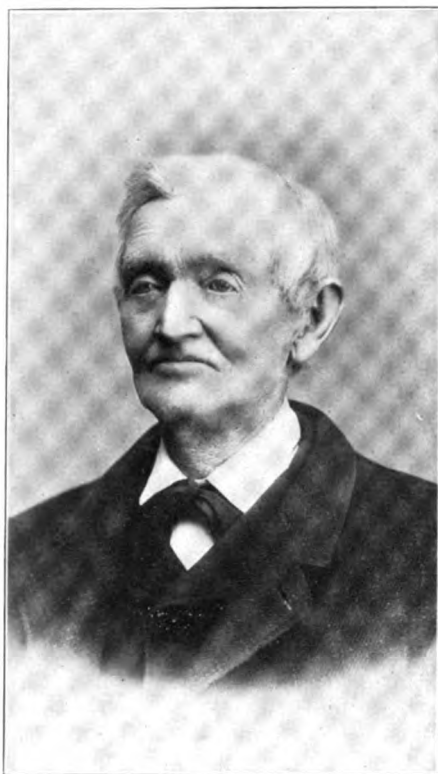
in the study of medicine. Reading and research have kept him in touch with the advanced thought of the profession and throughout his entire connection with the medical fraternity he has been deeply interested in every question that tends to bring to man the key to the complex mystery which we call life. In all non-professional relations he is modest and unassuming but his fellow citizens recognize his personal worth and respect him for what he has accomplished.

JAMES BLACK.

Among those deserving of honorable mention for the part they played in assisting in the development of the natural resources of Union township, this county, is James Black, now deceased, whose long life of unremitting energy and usefulness has left behind to preserve its memory evidences both of a noble character and also of a career of enterprise and industry. His birth occurred in Licking township, this county, December 28, 1810, and he spent his entire life in Licking and Union townships, within sight of his birthplace, his death having occurred here November 29, 1894. His parents, Mathew and Nancy (Taylor) Black, also spent their lives here and were among the early settlers of this county, having come to this section when it was thickly covered with forests. They were among others to whom the present generation is indebted for the magnificent farms, which are known throughout the country for their productiveness. Here Mathew Black installed one of the first saw-mills operated in this part of the county and in addition to carrying on general agricultural pursuits he engaged in the lumber business until he departed this life in his forty-eighth year. Among his children were: James, David, Harvey and Margaret.

The natural surroundings amid which James Black was reared were far different from those which appear in this section of the county today. At that time vast woodlands extended on all sides as far as the eye could see and it fell to him in his boyhood days to assist his father in cutting away the timber and in making ready land sufficient for cultivation, that the family might obtain sustenance therefrom. The advantages for acquiring an education being limited, Mr. Black was obliged to be content with what he learned in the neighboring schools, which at that time were far from the standard reached by the district schools of today. When his school days were over he settled down on his father's farm in the pursuit of general agriculture, at the same time assisting his father in operating his grist and sawmills, the latter having been located on Licking creek and known as the Black mills. This enterprise he continued to follow in Licking township until he was about sixty years of age, when he removed to the farm on which he departed this life, and which is located in Union township, the farm consisting of one hundred and fifty acres, which belonged to his wife, the entire amount of land which he had under cultivation being three hundred and seventy-five acres.

On June 12, 1843, Mr. Black wedded Margaret Ferrell, a native of this county, by whom he had one child, David N., who resides in Newark, Ohio. His first wife having passed away, he was united in marriage, on May 21, 1846, to



MR. AND MRS. JAMES BLACK

Elizabeth Rees, a native of Granville township, where her birth occurred November 25, 1825, a daughter of John and Barbara (Rhoades) Rees, with whom she removed to a farm in Union township, near the Licking courthouse in 1829. The father, a native of Wales, came here at the age of nine years with his father, Theophilus Rees, while the mother, who was of German extraction and a native of the Shenandoah valley of Virginia, came here with her parents who, after they liberated their slaves, sought a free country in which to rear their children. To Mr. and Mrs. Black, the latter having been one of a family of seven children, were born: Martha, wife of Rev. C. N. Harford, residing in Granville; Mary, deceased; John R., who resides on part of the old farm; James H., who lives in this township; and Rose Gertrude, who also resides here. Mr. Black, as an early settler of this part of the county, will long be remembered for his beneficial efforts in developing its natural resources and for the part he took in assisting to transform the wild forest land into fertile fields, and, having been a man whose morality was as prominent an element of his character as his industry, his name will long be associated with those of the worthy departed who in their day were the township's strong and substantial citizens.

CHARLES A. PIGG.

One of the most attractive as well as most productive farms of Madison township is the home of Charles A. Pigg, his property comprising one hundred and six acres, a part of which was formerly the old Pigg homestead. Mr. Pigg was born in a pioneer log cabin on what is known as the Wilson farm, the date of his birth being December 29, and the year 1834. He is the eldest in a family of four sons born of the marriage of George and Jane (Knox) Pigg, both of whom were natives of Cumberland county, England. Upon their emigration to the United States they at once made their way to Licking county and the father operated what is now known as the Wilson farm for fourteen years, or until 1848, when he purchased one hundred and twenty-five acres, a part of which is the present home of our subject, and the house which was erected by the father is still standing. He became a successful agriculturist and died September 16, 1862, when he was sixty-three years of age, while his wife, surviving for a long period, died in 1882 at the age of seventy-three. More extended mention of the parents is made in connection with the sketches of George T. and William Pigg, brothers of our subject. The youngest member of the family is David Pigg, who makes his home in Newark.

Charles A. Pigg spent the period of his boyhood and youth in much the usual manner of farm lads of that early period, assisting in the work of the fields during the spring and summer seasons, while through the winter months he pursued his studies in the district schools. He remained under the parental roof until the father's death, subsequent to which time, in connection with his brothers, George T. and William, he continued the operation of the home farm, then comprising two hundred acres. Being young men of enterprise, they eventually added to the home place a tract of one hundred and forty acres, and in addition to the

cultivation of the soil they also raised sheep on a very extensive scale, often keeping as high as seven hundred head, and in this particular they became widely known throughout Licking county.

In 1875, owing to the marriage of the brother, George T. Pigg, a division of the property was made, and Charles A. Pigg took as his share eighty-five acres of the old homestead, on which stood the house and outbuildings. He then purchased from his brother David twenty-one acres, so that his place now embraces one hundred and six acres. It has been made very productive through the rotation of crops and the careful cultivation of the fields, so that each year he harvests rich crops as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon the land. He has also continued the raising of sheep, keeping only thoroughbred animals, and this branch of his business has resulted in an excellent financial return.

Mr. Pigg chose as a companion and helpmate for the journey of life Miss Cyrena Stadden, whom he wedded on the 14th of May, 1878. She was also a resident of Madison township and a daughter of George M. Stadden, now deceased. She has become the mother of one son, Edward Earl, at home. Mrs. Pigg is a most estimable and accomplished lady, ably conducting her household affairs, and it is largely through her encouragement and assistance that her husband has attained to his present degree of success. Both she and Mr. Pigg are consistent members of the Christian church, in the circles of which they are highly esteemed for their many excellent traits of character. Mr. Pigg is a democrat in principle and practice and for nine years served as trustee of his township. In whatever relation of life he is found he is regarded as the same straightforward and honorable man, highly esteemed by neighbors and friends, and his companion shares with him in the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

CHARLES B. ARNDT.

One of the enterprising commercial interests of Hanover is the store owned and conducted by Charles B. Arndt, a leading and highly respected citizen whose worth to the community all men acknowledge. He was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, June 21, 1836, his parents being Elias and Clarissa (Daniels) Arndt, both of whom were natives of Northampton county, Pennsylvania, born near Bethlehem. In that locality they were reared and married and late in the year 1834, or early in the year 1835, they came to Ohio, locating in Pickaway county. There the father engaged in farming for some time and afterward spent a few years successively in Columbus, Reynoldsburg and Bloomfield. Eventually he became a resident of Zanesville and the greater part of his life was passed in Muskingum county. For years he was a stage driver on the route between Circleville, Chillicothe and Columbus through Zanesville to Wheeling. Later he drove a stage from Zanesville to various points, and his last days were passed in Taylorsville, Ohio.

Charles B. Arndt was reared on the home farm and acquired his education in the common schools, but his opportunities in that direction were somewhat limited, for as early as his tenth year he became a wage earner, working in the

glass factory in Zanesville at a salary of five dollars per month, receiving two dollars in cash, while the remaining three dollars were to be taken out in trade at the store. Subsequently he went to work in the pottery, where he was employed for some time, and then secured a position as cabin boy on the river. He followed the river for a while and for several years acted as cook, subsequently going on the Ohio canal, driving horses on the tow path. He was afterward made steersman and so continued until 1854, when he came to Newark to enter the employ of the Coshocton Coal Company at that place. For fifteen years he operated a coal boat for the company, taking coal down the canal from Coalport. During a part of this time he owned and operated a boat of his own and thus the profits of his labors came to him direct. In 1871 he removed to Hanover and since that time has been numbered among the merchants of the town, conducting a store here for thirty-eight years. He has always carried a good line of general merchandise and his efforts have been attended with gratifying and well merited success. He was also for some years, in connection with his mercantile interests, engaged in the manufacture of cigars and in the raising of berries, and those pursuits added materially to his annual income. He has always been a man of resolute purpose, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

On the 17th of November, 1887, Mr. Arndt was married to Miss Mary Fleming, a daughter of Daniel Fleming, of Licking county, and unto them have been born three children, Clarissa K., Margaret F. and Caroline S., all at home. Mr. Arndt is a stanch republican where national issues are involved, but votes for the men irrespective of party ties at local elections. For several years he has served as township treasurer and in this as in every position of public trust that he has been called upon to fill, he has proved most loyal and capable. He is widely known in this section of the state and those with whom he has come in contact entertain for him warm regard. He is numbered among the self-made men of the county, working his way steadily upward from a very humble financial condition. Starting out in life for himself as he did at the age of ten years, he certainly deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, since his diligence and determination have constituted the rounds of the ladder on which he has climbed to the plane of affluence.

J. D. THOMPSON, M. D.

Dr. J. D. Thompson, descended from an ancestry honorable and distinguished, is fortunate in that his lines of life have been cast in harmony therewith. Widely known in Licking county, where his entire life has been passed, the years have chronicled his steady progress since he became a representative of the medical fraternity, and his pronounced ability in the field of his chosen labor has won for him classification among the eminent physicians and surgeons of this part of the state. His birth occurred in 1853 on a farm in Granville township, about two miles northwest of the city of Granville, and there he made his home during the period of his minority. His parents were William M. and Sarah (Dilley) Thompson. A sketch of the lives of Dr. Thompson's parents and grandparents appears on another page of this history.

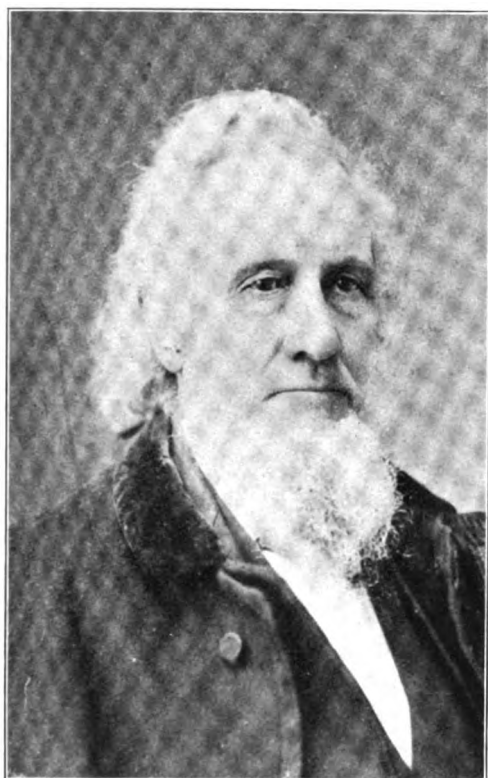
Dr. Thompson was one of a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters, and on the home farm his youthful days were passed, while his education was acquired in the public schools of Granville and in Denison University. A liberal literary education, therefore, served as the foundation upon which he reared the superstructure of professional knowledge, and having determined to engage in the practice of medicine as a life work, he entered the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, there winning his doctor of medicine degree in 1878. Returning to Ohio, he located for practice in Johnstown, where he remained until his removal to Granville in 1895. Here he has practiced continuously since and he keeps in touch with the advancement of the profession through his reading and study and through his membership in the Licking County, State and National Medical Associations.

In 1884 Dr. Thompson was married to Miss Grace D. Copeland, a native of Johnstown and a daughter of Peter Copeland. Unto this marriage were born two children, Maude L. and James D. Mrs. Thompson died in 1893. For his second wife Dr. Thompson chose Mrs. Martha (Wright) Jones, a daughter of Theodore F. Wright and the widow of Herbert L. Jones. By her former marriage she had two children—Arthur Wright Jones and Ethel Lyon Jones. Dr. Thompson gives his political allegiance to the republican party, but manifests only a citizen's interest in political work, although his desire is for clean politics and honest administration. His time is chiefly occupied with professional duties and his ability insures him a continued liberal patronage.

ISAAC SMUCKER.

From early manhood down to old age Isaac Smucker was a resident of Newark and his course of action and the rules which governed his life were ever such as won for him a high place in public regard. He believed in holding to high ideals in all those lines of activity which are essential to the world's progress and his labors for the benefit of Licking county were far-reaching. He was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, on the 14th of December, 1807, of German-American parentage. His father was Rev. Peter Smucker, a Lutheran clergyman of that state, who devoted many years of his life to the active work of the ministry.

Reared in his father's home, Isaac Smucker acquired a liberal education under the instruction of private tutors and in academies of his native state. He afterward engaged in teaching in a classical academy at Somerset, Pennsylvania. The family removed to Newark, Ohio, when he was still a young man, and he spent the remainder of his life in this city, continuing as one of its valued and representative residents until called to the home beyond, January 31, 1897, after a long, useful and blameless life covering more than eighty-three years. All who knew him esteemed him for his genuine worth and fidelity to honorable, manly principles. He never deviated from what his judgment sanctioned as right between his fellowmen and himself, and at all times he held strictly to high standards of conduct. He was also a writer of ability and wielded a facile and fearless pen on historical and other matters. He was temperate in all things and always mind-



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ful of the good of others, while in community affairs he was devoted to progress in material, intellectual, political and moral lines. On one occasion he was called to represent his county in the state legislature and the great aim of his work there was the passage of a free public school law. Although fifteen years have come and gone since he was called to his final rest, he is yet remembered by many who knew him here and his memory remains as an inspiration to those who were associated with him while he was yet an active factor in the world's work.

LAFAYETTE M. BEAVER.

Lafayette M. Beaver, a descendant of a pioneer family of the state of Virginia, and a former grain dealer of Jersey township, this county, where he is now largely identified with general agricultural and stock raising interests, is a native of Licking township, this county, where his birth occurred August 18, 1849. He is a son of Jacob and Rebecca (Moore) Beaver, his parents also having been natives of this county, their ancestors coming from Virginia at an early date. The father was an extensive landowner here and at the time of his death, which occurred in August of the year 1895, he possessed something over eight hundred acres of highly cultivated land. He was also known throughout the state as a breeder of horses, cattle and sheep. A man of affairs, he was deeply interested in everything which pertained to the permanent advancement of the locality. His wife, who is still living, has attained a ripe old age.

On his father's farm Lafayette M. Beaver was reared, participating in the general routine of agricultural life, in the meantime spending a few months of each year in the district school, where he obtained his education. At the age of twenty-one years, in the fall of 1872, he went to Anderson county, Kansas, where he engaged in cattle raising until the fall of 1875, when he returned to this county and began farming with his father. At the same time he established himself in the grain business at Hebron, in which enterprise he met with more than ordinary success. After following that business for a number of years, he gave it up and again settled down to agriculture. His farm consists of one hundred and seventy-two acres of well improved property, which he keeps in a high state of cultivation, and in addition to producing hay and general grain crops he gives some attention to stock raising and keeps on hand a number of head of the finest horses, cattle, sheep and hogs.

On December 3, 1884, Mr. Beaver wedded Miss Mary E. White, a daughter of Samuel and Ellen (Smith) White, and a native of Union township. Their children are: Jacob J., who assists his father in the management of the farm, and Hannah, who was a well known teacher in the district schools. Mr. Beaver's political views are on the side of the democratic party and he takes an active interest in political matters and on several occasions has been chosen as a delegate to represent his party at national and state conventions. He is now serving his ninth consecutive year as township trustee and for many years has officiated efficiently as a member of the school board. Mr. Beaver is popular in fraternal organizations and belongs to Johnstown lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Alexandria lodge, K. P.; Jersey

lodge, I. O. O. F.; the Royal Neighbors, meeting at Alexandria; the Central Grange and Patrons of Husbandry, in all of which he has taken an active interest. He has filled the chairs of the Masonic order and also in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has always advocated good roads and a first class school system, and being in every sense a progressive citizen, and at the same time an honorable and upright man, he is acknowledged to be one of the most substantial residents of the township.

ALFRED K. FOLLETT, M. D.

No history of Granville would be complete without mention of Dr. Alfred K. Follett and his honored father, Dr. Alfred Follett. A native of Enosburg, Vermont, Dr. Alfred Follett was born September 1, 1822, and his life record covered the intervening years to the 11th of January, 1897, when he passed away in Granville, Ohio. His parents were John Fassett and Sallie (Woodworth) Follett, who were also natives of the Green Mountain state. John Fassett Follett's parents were Martin Dewey and Persis (Fassett) Follett, the former serving as captain in the Revolutionary army. John Fassett Follett, the father, followed the occupation of farming as a life work and in the spring of 1836 started westward with his wife and nine children, arriving in Licking county in September of the same year. The forests stood in their primeval strength and the land was largely uncultivated, but the state was rich in its natural resources and was drawing to it a class of progressive, enterprising men who were soon to produce a marked transformation in its appearance. John F. Follett settled on a farm and with characteristic energy gave his attention to its improvement. In 1851 he removed to a farm between Granville and Newark and there carried on general agricultural pursuits until his death in 1863. He served his country as a soldier of the war of 1812 and was always ready to aid in any movement calculated to promote public progress, reform or improvement. He held membership with the Masonic fraternity and was long a devoted member of the Presbyterian church, in which he served as both deacon and elder. His wife also died in the year 1863.

Dr. Follett, the second son in a family of six sons and three daughters, spent the first fourteen years of his life in the state of his nativity and then accompanied his parents to Ohio in 1836. Here he became familiar with the conditions and incidents of frontier life and assisted his father in the arduous task of developing a new farm. His early education was supplemented by study in the Granville academy and later he began preparation for his profession in the Starling Medical college. He entered upon active practice in 1848 and throughout the years of his life remained an able and prominent representative of the profession, continuously broadening his knowledge and promoting his efficiency by study, research, investigation and experience. He was made a censor of Starling college and so continued until his death. Locating for practice at Sandusky, Ohio, he there remained until 1850, when he removed to Johnstown, where he practiced until 1863. In the latter year he came to Granville, where he resided until his death, thirty-four years later. His professional ability was manifest in the liberal patronage accorded him and in the confidence entertained for him by the entire county. He was a charter

member of the Ohio State Medical society, belonged also to the Zanesville Academy of Medicine, of which he was vice president and was also a member of the American Medical association in 1877.

On the 22d of April, 1849, Dr. Follett was married to Miss Lucinda Maria Jones of Sandusky, who died at Granville, Ohio, February 11, 1909. They were the parents of two sons and a daughter, but the oldest, George P., died in 1881, having contracted typhoid fever while taking a post-graduate course at Bellevue Hospital Medical College in New York city. He had previously graduated from Marietta (Ohio) College, with the degree of A. B., and was a student at the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, and graduated from the Columbus Medical College at Columbus. For five years he was a physician at the Central Hospital for the Insane at Columbus. He married Mary Converse and they had two children: George Alfred, and Mary Pelton, now the wife of Dr. Samuel Orton, Jr. The daughter, Sarah F., is the wife of John Sutphin Jones, of the Jones & Adams Coal Company, now of Chicago. Alfred Kane, the youngest, born in Johnstown, Ohio, October 5, 1857, was but a little lad of five years when his parents removed to Granville in 1863. Here he has since made his home, and passing through the consecutive grades of the public schools he was at length graduated from the high school, while in Denison University he won the bachelor of arts degree in 1879. Following in the professional footsteps of his father he entered the Starling Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1882. He has since practiced in Granville and is a member of the Licking County Medical Society, the State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. His fraternal relations are with the Masons and the Knights of Pythias, and in his life he exemplified the beneficent spirit of those orders. His religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Presbyterian church and to its teachings he is loyal and devoted.

On the 20th of June, 1883, Dr. Alfred K. Follett was married to Miss Ora A. Stein, a native of this county and a daughter of A. P. Stein. They have one child, Clara M., who was born March 19, 1884, and is now the wife of John A. Owens, of Granville. They are the parents of two little sons, Alfred William and John Follett. In addition to his home in Granville Dr. Follett owns a tract of land in this county and gives some attention to farming. The practice of medicine, however, is his chief life work and he gives to his patients a service of great diligence, unwearied industry and of broad learning.

WILLIAM PIGG.

A well developed and highly improved farm of eighty-eight and a half acres in Madison township is the property of William Pigg, who has spent his entire life in this section of Licking county. He was born in a log cabin on the home farm February 22, 1839, being the second in order of birth in a family of four sons, whose parents were George and Jane (Knox) Pigg, both of whom were natives of Cumberland county, England. They were married in their native land and subsequently emigrated to the United States, making a location in Franklin county, where the father conducted a saw-mill from 1834 until 1839, the latter

year witnessing their arrival in Licking county. The father first operated rented land in Madison township, but later purchased a farm and at the time of his death had accumulated two hundred acres of fine farming property. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and the father died September 16, 1862, when he was sixty-three years of age, while his wife, surviving for a long period, passed away in 1882, at the age of seventy-three years. Their family numbered four sons: Charles A., who resides in Madison township; William, of this review; George T., who also resides in Madison township; and David H., who makes his home in Newark.

William Pigg was reared to general agricultural pursuits and remained under the parental roof until he had attained mature years. He was a young man of twenty-three years at the time of his father's death, after which, in connection with his two brothers, Charles and George, he continued the operation of the home farm in Madison township and they also became very extensive dealers in sheep and wool. Through their combined efforts they accumulated one hundred and forty acres of land and upon the dissolution of partnership in 1875 eighty-eight and a half acres constituted the share of William Pigg of this review.

Mr. Pigg established a home of his own in 1882 by his marriage to Miss Dora Holtz, a daughter of John Holtz, now deceased. After his marriage Mr. Pigg located on his farm, which has since been his home. He is engaged in general farming and still raises sheep on quite a large scale, in which connection he is widely known throughout Licking county. In more recent years he purchased a tract of forty-seven and a half acres, but has since disposed of this and now retains possession only of the farm on which he resides.

Mr. Pigg is a democrat in his political views and affiliations, but has never been active as an office seeker. He holds to high ideals in his social and business relations and his life has always been exemplary in all respects and could be made the text of a lesson from which the young men of today could study success. Both he and his estimable wife have many friends, among whom they are highly esteemed.

WALTER C. METZ.

Walter C. Metz is secretary and treasurer of the Newark Trust Company, in which connection he ranks with the leading and representative business men of the city. It is true that he entered upon a business already established, but many a man of less resolute spirit or of more limited ability would have failed in carrying the enterprise forward to success. Careful control, close application and indefatigable energy, however, have characterized his labors in this connection and have made his work an element in the conduct of what is today the leading banking institution of Licking county and this part of the state.

Mr. Metz is numbered among Newark's native sons, his birth having occurred here February 1, 1879. His parents are Charles C. and Christa A. (Smith) Metz, the former a merchant of Newark and the vice president of the Newark Trust Company. In the public schools Walter C. Metz continued his education through



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consecutive grades until he completed the high-school course, while later he was graduated from the Ohio State University in 1905 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. After leaving college he entered the Newark Trust Company in the capacity of bookkeeper and filled various positions until September, 1907, when he was elected secretary and treasurer of this banking institution, which is the largest in the county. He is a young man of fine business qualities and has a bright future before him in the financial world. He is a stockholder in the Arcade Realty Company as well as in the Newark Trust Company, and his friends have every reason to believe that he will continue in a business career of growing usefulness and importance.

On the 17th of September, 1908, Mr. Metz was married to Miss Helen M. Weiant, of Newark, a daughter of Warren S. Weiant, the manager of the National Biscuit Company. Socially Mr. Metz is connected with the Kappa Sigma, a college fraternity. Both he and his wife are widely known in Newark, where their circle of friends is almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance, and the hospitality of the best homes of the city is freely accorded them.

A. A. STASEL.

For twenty-three years A. A. Stasel has been a practitioner at the Licking county bar and has long maintained a prominent place in the ranks of the legal fraternity, for he has comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence and so presents his cases in court that he never fails to make a deep impress on judge, jury and auditors. He is numbered among the representative residents of this city and his social qualities as well as his professional ability have gained him prominence and high regard.

A native son of Newark, Mr. Stasel was born October 22, 1862, his parents being Nicholas and Emily (Trivoli) Stasel, the former a native of Saxony, Germany, and the latter of Ohio. The maternal grandfather came from Italy in early life and settled in the state of New York, but afterward removed westward to Licking county, Ohio, taking up his abode on a farm south of Newark where his remaining days were passed.

Nicholas Stasel came to the United States in the year 1837 and located in Fairfield county, Ohio. He was a carpenter and contractor and there engaged in building operations until the early '40s, when he removed to Licking county and for a long period was closely and prominently associated with the building interests of Newark, his skill and ability gaining for him a liberal patronage, while in the course of years he acquired a competence that has enabled him during the last fifteen years to enjoy well earned rest.

A. A. Stasel was educated in the schools of Newark and in Wooster University, where he spent two years. He then engaged in teaching German in the public schools of this city for two years, having learned the language in his own home. After two years devoted to educational work Mr. Stasel took up the study of law, in the office of the Hon. Charles H. Kibler, and was admitted to the bar in 1886, since which time he has practiced in his native city. His ability has

constituted the foundation upon which he has built his success. He has paid strict attention to his professional duties, preparing his cases with great precision and care and marshalling the points in evidence before the court with thoroughness and system. For fourteen years he has been attorney for the Home Building Association and his name figures in connection with many of the important cases tried in the courts of this county for two decades. He is a member of the Licking County Bar Association.

On the 10th of September, 1892, Mr. Stasel was married to Miss Mary W. Wood, of Hanover, Ohio, and they have two daughters, Sarah and Mary. The family are members of the Second Presbyterian church and are prominent in the social circles of the city, while their own home is most attractive by reason of its cordial hospitality. Mr. Stasel belongs to the Beta Theta Pi, a college fraternity, and also holds membership relations with the Elks' Club, the Masonic fraternity and the Masonic Club. His friends find him a genial gentleman, never neglectful of the courtesies of life and never too busy to be cordial or too cordial to be busy. He is classed with the valued and representative residents of his native city.

WATSON LAWRENCE KING, M. D.

Educated in some of the best schools of Great Britain and America, Dr. King is successfully devoting his attention to the practice of medicine and surgery and has gained more than local distinction by reason of his pronounced ability. He was born in Batley Carr, Yorkshire, England, September 18, 1847, his father being vicar at this place, and was three years of age at the time of the removal of his parents to Maidstone, county Kent. His father, the Rev. Watson King, was born in Waterringbury, county Kent, April 8, 1811, and was educated in St. John's College, Cambridge, where he obtained the Master of Arts degree in 1839. For many years he served as chaplain to Maidstone prison and about 1859 retired with a pension. He was afterward rector at Plaxtol, county Kent, which he exchanged for that of Croxton, in county Lincoln. Subsequently he retired and established his home at Tunbridge Wells, where he died February 8, 1893. He married Anne, a daughter of Thomas Lawrence, of Biggen Hall, Thurlston, near Rugby in county Warwick. They were married in All Saints church in Maidstone, February 20, 1843, and traveled life's journey happily together until September, 1891, when they were separated by the death of the wife. Their children were: Frances Augusta, who is now the widow of Rev. Thomas Howard Dalton and resides at Hastings, Sussex county, England; Watson L.; and William Walter, an attorney, who died in England, October 20, 1880.

Dr. W. L. King pursued his early education in Queen Elizabeth's grammar school at Wakefield and later attended Corpus Christi Hall. He passed a preliminary examination for entrance into the Royal College of Surgeons in London, July 9, 1866, but after a time was obliged to give up the study of medicine owing to ill health and came to America with the intention of following farming. This was in 1870 and he located at Ypsilanti, Michigan. His health improving, in 1871-2 he attended a course of lectures in the Michigan University at Ann Arbor and in

1873-4 was a student in the Cincinnati Medical College, from which he was graduated in the latter year. Owing to ill health he returned to England and later matriculated in the University of Glasgow, from which he was graduated in the spring of 1876 on the completion of the medical course. He then became surgeon on the ship *Loch Vennachar*, bound for Melbourne, Australia. He spent two months in Australia, after which he returned on the same ship and became assistant to Dr. Burman at Wath, Yorkshire. In the fall of 1877, however, he returned to the United States and located at Fredonia, Ohio, where he practiced until his removal to Granville about twelve years ago. He has since been identified with the profession in this city and his ability has carried him into important professional relations, his patronage now being very extensive. Throughout his professional career he has kept in touch with the progress of the medical fraternity through his extensive reading and research, while his experience has also greatly promoted his efficiency.

On the 24th of December, 1877, Dr. King was married in Brandon, Knox county, Ohio, to Miss Margaretta Knowles, of Homer, Ohio, a daughter of William Knowles, a native of Kent county, England. The children of that marriage were: Watson Knowles, who died in infancy; and Louisa Elizabeth, who was born in September, 1887, at Fredonia, Ohio, and is now the wife of Louis Pine, of Newark. Having lost his first wife, Dr. King afterward wedded Emma Viola Barber, a native of Liberty township, Licking county, and a daughter of James Riley Barber.

Dr. King is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also a prominent and active worker in the Episcopal church, of which he is serving as senior warden and treasurer. He has circumnavigated the globe and in his extensive travels has gained that knowledge and culture which only travel can bring. He is a genial, courteous gentleman, interested in all that pertains to general progress and his influence is a potent factor for good in his adopted city.

CARY F. LEGGE, M. D.

Dr. Cary F. Legge, holding to high ideals in his practice, has gained recognition as one of the prominent physicians and surgeons of Newark. Licking county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred here on the 24th of September, 1867. He represents one of the old families of this portion of the state. His father, James Legge, was here born while his grandfather, Harrison Legge, arrived in pioneer days, coming from Virginia. He settled in Fallsbury township and took up the work of tilling the soil, transforming the wild land into richly cultivated fields. There on the old homestead his son, James Legge, was born and reared, and, at an early age, became familiar with the work of tilling the soil and caring for the crops; but at the time of the Civil war he put aside all business considerations that he might aid his country in the defense of the Union. He therefore joined the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and, being captured, was confined for eleven months in Andersonville when he was released. He passed away in 1895 at the age of fifty-two years. In early manhood

he wedded Candace M. Seward, a native of Licking county, the Sewards having come from the state of New York to Ohio in the days of frontier settlement here. Mrs. Legge, a sister of Judge Seward, is still living. The doctor's father was a staunch republican in politics, faithfully espousing the principles of the party, yet never seeking office.

Dr. Legge was educated in the schools of this county and holds a teacher's certificate, but after putting aside his text-books he started out to earn his living as a brakeman on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, being thus employed for ten years. His ambition, however, was not satisfied with that line of activity and desiring to enter upon a professional career he took up the study of medicine and matriculated in the Ohio Medical University from which he was graduated with the class of 1898. He then returned to the service of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, but this time as surgeon, and continued in that position for six years. In 1897 he commenced general practice in Newark where he has since remained, giving close and undivided attention to his professional duties which have been onerous and important. He served for one term as county coroner, is a member of the County Medical Society and has been a frequent contributor to Medical journals, his articles being valuable contributions thereto.

In 1898 Dr. Legge was married to Miss Mary Shauck, a daughter of Moses Shauck, of Johnsville, Ohio, who is prominent in the county in insurance circles. His brother, Judge Shauck, is a member of the Ohio supreme bench.

Dr. Legge has long been identified with labor organizations, having for twenty years been a member of the Railway Trainmen. He belongs to Newark lodge, No. 97, A. F. & A. M., and other fraternal organizations, while his political views are evidenced in his active and efficient work in behalf of the republican party. He never falters in the defense of any principle in which he believes and his loyalty in citizenship is a matter above question. His entire life has been spent in Licking county, and that his best friends are numbered among those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time is an indication of his honorable and upright career.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH M. SCOTT.

Captain Joseph M. Scott is one of Licking county's sons whose record reflects credit upon the community in that he has always been a fearless defender of what he believes to be right. For a half century he was closely associated with agricultural interests and in all of his business dealings was straightforward and reliable. He is now living retired, making his home with a daughter in Granville. He was born January 9, 1830, in Utica, Ohio, and is a representative of an old American family which was founded in Chester county, Pennsylvania, afterward called Adams county. The family originally came from the north of Ireland. The battle of Gettysburg is said to have occurred upon their farm. The line of descent is traced down through Hugh, Abraham, Samuel, Joseph and Josiah Scott to Captain Scott of this review. His grandfather, Joseph Scott, left the ancestral home in Pennsylvania and made his way down the Ohio river in a dugout and



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polled to Zanesville. He settled in Burlington township, Licking county, in 1810, and was there identified with pioneer life in all of its varied phases and experiences. In 1814 he sold this property and settled in Washington township, where he was the first elder in the Presbyterian church at Utica. He also served as justice of the peace. In 1834 he removed to Logan county where his wife died, while his death occurred in Lima, Ohio, in 1837. It was in honor of his grandfather that Captain Scott was named. Captain Scott's father, Josiah Scott, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1801, and died at Charles City, Iowa, December 2, 1861. He married Samantha Morey, who was born December 1, 1807, in Rutland county, Vermont, and was a daughter of Abraham and Abigail (Stratton) Morey. Her death occurred March 5, 1887, and her grave was made at Charles City, Iowa. In the family of this worthy couple were seven children: Sanford, who died in March, 1903; Joseph M.; Abigail; Mary Jane, who has also passed away; Eliza Roselia, who was born in 1839 and is married and lives in the state of Washington; Mary Roena, who was born March 2, 1842, and was married in January, 1859, and now lives in Denver, Colorado; and Sidney A., who now resides on a farm two miles from Charles City, Iowa.

Captain Scott, born and reared in Utica, Ohio, left that place at the age of eighteen years and went to Bellefontaine, where, for three years, he occupied the position of foreman in a clothing and tailoring establishment. He then returned to Utica where he began business on his own account, but later withdrew from commercial connections and turned his attention to agricultural interests, purchasing a farm of forty acres of Squire L. M. Spellman one mile south of Alexandria, now known as Scott's Corners. In his farm work he prospered and kept adding to his property from time to time until his and his wife's possessions aggregated four hundred and twenty-five acres. In addition to tilling the soil and the production of the crops best suited to climatic conditions, he made a specialty of sheep raising and found it a profitable source of income. For half a century, from 1852 until 1902, he resided upon that farm and was known as one of the prominent and honored agriculturists of the community.

Constrained by patriotism he put aside the interests of a growing business, for at the time of the Civil war he enlisted on the 9th of October, 1861, and having raised Company B of the Seventy-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was commissioned its captain. He inspired his men with much of his own zeal and courage, and led his troops into the engagement at Fort Donelson, Shiloh, and the Siege of Corinth. Captain Scott also took part at the battle of Milliken's Bend, just above Vicksburg, when a boatload of arms was captured by the fleet. Later he resigned because a young man was sent to him to take the office of lieutenant when one should have been selected from the company. He had before his enlistment aided in raising Company D which went to Missouri, but was afterward made a part of the Twenty-second Ohio Infantry.

On the 3d of September, 1851, Captain Scott was married to Miss Emily M. Eastman, a daughter of Ephriam and Matilda (Hale) Eastman. Five children were born of this marriage. Fannie, the oldest, became the wife of George E. Thompson, on the 1st of May, 1872. He was a native of Guernsey county, born in 1847 and died in Washington, September 30, 1904. Mrs. Thompson now makes her home in Granville and her father, Captain Scott, resides with her. Carrie E.,

the second daughter, is the wife of T. A. Carroll, of St. Albans township. Hale E. married Lizzie Lewis and died, leaving one son, Lewis Scott. Walter is cashier of the Otis & Hough Brokerage & Banking House of Cleveland, and married Katherine Nichols of Virginia. Helen C. is the wife of Dr. George P. Riebel of Ashland, Ohio.

Captain Scott has long been a stalwart advocate of progressive public measures. Feeling that the question of slavery was the dominant issue before the people, he joined the ranks of the freesoil party. Later he was present at the organization of the republican party in Ohio, which had its birth at Columbus. At this meeting John Sherman presided, and Salmon P. Chase was nominated for governor. For one term he served as justice of the peace in St. Albans township and was a candidate on the republican ticket for representative to the legislature and sheriff. Later espousing the cause of the prohibition party, for he believed that the temperance question was paramount to all others, he now gives to it his loyal support. He was three times its candidate for representative and was also candidate for lieutenant governor. He announces his position as follows: "In sentiment, a Congregationalist, a lifelong enemy of American slavery, the liquor traffic and the lodge." His position never has been an equivocal one. He has always stood fearlessly for what he believes to be right, and neither fear nor favor could swerve him from the course which his judgment and conscience sanction. He is as loyal in his citizenship as when he followed the old flag on southern battlefields, and all respect him for his unfaltering fidelity.

EDWIN SINNETT, M. D.

Seldom does death cause such uniform sorrow throughout a community as did that of Dr. Edwin Sinnett, who through the years of his long residence in Granville, his native city, had endeared himself to the hearts of all by reason of his well developed manhood, his honorable purposes, his kindly sympathy and his public-spirited citizenship. He was born in Granville, August 17, 1827, and died at his home on Mount Parnassus, February 15, 1902, being at that time the oldest native resident of the village. His parents were Allen and Nancy (Blanchard) Sinnett, both of whom were natives of Maine, coming to Ohio from the island of Grand Monan, Maine. The grandfather, James Sinnett, reached Licking county in 1805, with one of the first companies who settled here, and purchased a large tract of land, being closely identified with agricultural interests as the years passed. The family of Allen and Nancy Sinnett numbered seven sons and one daughter, but only one is now living, Charles, who is merchant and postmaster at Harper, Oklahoma.

In the Granville public schools and academy Dr. Sinnett pursued his education and was also for a time a medical student in Cleveland, Ohio, while subsequently he won his M. D. degree in Cincinnati, being graduated from the Ohio Medical College with the class of 1850. At the outbreak of the Civil war his patriotism constrained him to interrupt a growing practice and enlist in the Union army. Five other brothers also offered their services and the military record which they

made was a most creditable one. Dr. Sinnett was assigned to the Seventeenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry as assistant surgeon and subsequently was transferred to the Ninety-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and promoted to the rank of surgeon major. For two years he remained at the front and during a portion of that time was in charge of general hospital No. 21, at Nashville, Tennessee. His own health became so impaired, however, that he was compelled to leave the army. At the very urgent call for surgeons after the battle of Pittsburg Landing, Dr. Sinnett went to the relief of the Union soldiers with seventy-four other volunteer surgeons. He was especially skilled in the surgical line, and during his enlistment established an enviable reputation in that connection. The work which he did in behalf of the sick and wounded had gained for him the gratitude of many a soldier of both the North and South.

After his return Dr. Sinnett again took up the private practice of medicine in Granville and made steady progress in his profession, his ability carrying him into important relations. He always remained a close student of the science of medicine and his reading and research continually promoted his efficiency and augmented his skill. In connection with Dr. W. W. Bancroft he organized the Granville Water Cure, which they conducted successfully for a number of years, having as high as eighty patients at one time. He also extended his business activities to other fields and became secretary of the Toledo & Ohio Central Railroad Construction Company and secretary and treasurer of the Toledo Coal and Iron Company. He was also president of the Bank of Granville, and in all his business relations manifested a spirit of enterprise that made him a valued representative of commercial and financial as well as professional interests. His marked energy never allowed him to undertake what he did not accomplish and when one avenue of labor seemed closed he would seek out another path whereby he might reach the goal of his labors. Dr. Sinnett was the owner of five farms, comprising one thousand acres, which he successfully conducted in addition to his other interests.

Dr. Sinnett was always interested in everything that concerned Granville and her welfare. He thoroughly understood the needs of the quiet college town and gave his time willingly to its services. He was a man of action rather than theory, doing quickly and effectively whatever was needed to be done and performing each public and private service with a sense of conscientious obligation. Such was the confidence reposed in his ability and fidelity to the public good that he was called to fill every city office from that of marshal to mayor. He was also for twenty years president of the Granville Association of Veterans of the Civil War. He always gave his political allegiance to the democracy, for he believed its principles most conducive to good government. Higher political honors awaited him than had been accorded him in the town, for he was elected to represent his district in the senate of the sixty-seventh and sixty-eighth general assemblies. He proved a capable working member of the upper house, studying closely the questions which came up for settlement and voting as his judgment dictated in support of measures which he believed would prove of most benefit to the community at large. Dr. Sinnett, during his service as state senator, introduced and had passed the original bill providing for a state board of medical examiners and was also active in the interests of temperance measures. In other lines he was equally devoted to the public welfare. He ever advocated higher

education and was a member and secretary of the board of trustees of the Granville Female College for more than a quarter of a century. He was also a trustee and secretary of the board of the Presbyterian church, in which he long held membership, and for over a half century was a valued and honored member of the Ohio and County Medical Societies.

On the 15th of May, 1855, Dr. Sinnett was married to Miss Sarah A. Wright, who was born in Granville, November 1, 1834, a daughter of Edwin Cooley and Orlena (Hillyer) Wright, of whom mention is made in connection with the sketch of Theodore Wright. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Sinnett were born four children: Frank, who died at the age of two years; Alice Hall, who died at the age of seven years; Clara Amanda, who is the wife of Charles B. White, making their home with her mother; and Edwin, who died when four years of age. In 1890 Dr. Sinnett erected a beautiful stone house on Mount Parnassus, the most attractive residence district of the city, where his widow now resides. He took great pride in his home and oversaw the building of it in detail. The dwelling and its site constitute it one of the finest residences in Licking county, commanding a magnificent view of the surrounding country. Such in brief is the history of Dr. Edwin Sinnett, whose memory remains as a blessed benediction to all who knew him. Realizing that he would not pass this way again, he made the most of life's opportunities, neglecting no chance for individual improvement or to do good to a fellowman. This devotion to his fellowmen as manifest in his professional, political and private service seemed to constitute the centrality of his life. He handled every question vitally and conclusively and his labors were a recognized element in the world's progress in the community in which he lived.

JOSEPH HAMLIN CONARD.

Joseph Hamlin Conard, a well known and representative farmer of Licking county, who has devoted his entire life to the tilling of the soil, was born in Burlington township, this county, March 14, 1850, a son of Nathan and Catherine (Montgomery) Conard. His paternal grandfather, Nathan Conard, came to Ohio from Loudoun county, Virginia, in 1805, and settled in Licking county, where, in 1807, he purchased a farm of two hundred acres from James Stansbury, thus founding the old Conard homestead, where the remaining years of his life were spent. Year by year he added to his original holdings until he became one of the most prosperous agriculturists and influential citizens of the community, at the time of his demise leaving to each of his nine children a farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres or more. He was very prominent among his fellow citizens and served for many years as justice of the peace. He took a very active interest in church work, being a member of the Methodist church. A loyal and public-spirited citizen, he was at all times an earnest advocate of civic improvement and lent his aid to many measures destined for the general good. He was in his seventy-sixth year when called to his home beyond. His wife bore the maiden name of Miss Butcher, and survived him several years, her death occurring when she had attained the venerable age of ninety-six years. Nathan Conard, Jr., the father



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of our subject, was born on the old homestead about 1815, where he spent the years of his boyhood and youth. Reaching manhood, he located in Burlington township, where his remaining days were spent in farming. His death occurred when he was seventy years of age. He was a republican in politics, and for several years served as an officer in the Methodist church. His wife, Catherine (Montgomery) Conard, was born in Perry township, Licking county, March 28, 1817, a daughter of Henry Montgomery, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume.

Joseph Hamlin Conard, reared under the parental roof, acquired his education in the common schools of Licking county and at the age of twenty-two years went to live with an uncle and aunt, Joe and Betsy Conard, who had never married. Here for about twenty-four years he cared for them and looked after their agricultural interests, and at their death came into possession of their farm, which had been the birthplace of his father and which he continues to make his home. This farm comprises one hundred and fifty acres, and he bought another farm of two hundred and eight acres in this township. This property is yielding him excellent returns, and he is justly accounted one of the substantial agriculturists of this county.

On October 4, 1878, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Conard to Miss Eliza J. Parks, a daughter of James Parks, of Burlington township, who sacrificed his life in the Civil war. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Conard have been born five children: Etta G., the wife of Frank Melick, residing in Burlington township; John A., who is operating one of his father's farms; Mary M., Wesley Ray and George C., all at home. Following the example of his father and grandfather before him, Mr. Conard is a stalwart supporter of the republican party and is a member of the Methodist church, of which he is an elder and trustee. His years of residence in this community have brought to him a host of warm friends and he is highly esteemed by all who know him and especially so by those who know him best.

MILES JOSEPH.

Miles Joseph, who for many years followed railroad contracting and local bridge building, has always resided in Union township, this county, where he was born January 14, 1835. His ancestors were among the early settlers of this part of the state. His paternal grandfather, Jacob Joseph, a native of Virginia, settled in Fairfield county almost a century ago and cleared two farms there and one in Lima township, finally removing to the latter, which contained about one hundred and sixty acres, whereon he farmed until his death. He reared twelve children, all of whom are deceased. Among them was Samuel Joseph, whose birth occurred in Fairfield county about 1804. He followed farming all his life, at the same time taking an interest in public affairs, during his active career having performed the duties of township trustee, officiated as justice of the peace and also as county coroner, death terminating his busy and useful life in 1839, when he was in his thirty-seventh year. His wife, Margaret Horn, who was born in Union township and who entered into rest in 1857, when forty-seven years of age, was a daughter

of Henry and Hannah Horn, natives of Virginia, who settled on two hundred acres of land for which they paid the government a dollar and a quarter an acre. Mrs. Hannah Horn passed away in her ninety-fourth year, having been a widow for five years over half a century. She had four children, one of whom was born before coming here, namely: Polly, Nellie, Betsey and Margaret. To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Joseph were born seven children, namely: Henry, deceased, who served in the Mexican war under Captain Duncan, with General Scott in command; Jacob, deceased, who was a prominent merchant; William, deceased, who followed agriculture in Illinois; Miles; Angeline Young, deceased; Shannon, a railroad conductor residing in Columbus, Ohio; and Elizabeth Ann Whitehurst, who lives in Lancaster, this state.

Miles Joseph was reared on the home farm, in his boyhood days acquiring his education in the neighboring schools, and when twelve years of age went to work for a railroad contractor for whom he drove a horse and cart, it being his duty every Saturday afternoon to drive to Newark for a barrel of whiskey, then costing twelve and one-half cents per gallon, and every morning each workman received a tumblerful, and if they desired any more they were compelled to pay three cents for each glass. While in the employ of this contractor Mr. Joseph worked for twenty cents a day and boarded himself, but he stuck to his tasks until he became familiar with the business and later took up contract work for himself. He has done much private and public work, principally building bridges for the township and the county. His industry and enterprise enabled him to acquire a practical knowledge of the business which he has followed. He had little advantages for obtaining an education in the schools, but being of a studious turn of mind he pursued his studies at home and aside from having devoted one winter to teaching in the neighborhood schools he educated all his own children at home, and as well many of his neighbors' children, at night. Although during his younger days he was thrown amid many temptations, it is deserving of mention that he never fell into the habit of drinking intoxicants, and by moderation in all things he has all his years been able to maintain such a degree of health and vigor that he has never been attended by a physician. His early industry and practical economy have brought him prosperity and aside from having plenty of ready means he also owns an elegant residence surrounded by twelve acres of land, his property being located on the Lancaster and Nashville road.

On December 25, 1856, Mr. Joseph wedded Octavia Frances Dennis, a native of Jacksontown, Licking township, where her birth occurred March 20, 1837. She is a daughter of James and Fannie (Kendall) Dennis, natives of Fauquier county, Virginia, where they were united in marriage, settling in Licking township in 1835. The mother, whose birth occurred in 1800, departed this life in her forty-second year, while the father lived to be seventy-eight years of age. They reared a family of eight children, namely: Joel M., deceased, who was an attorney at law in Newark, Ohio; Park, deceased, who served throughout the Civil war; Wilson, a resident of Union county; Julia Bozman, deceased; Amanda Ruffner, who resides in this township; Octavia Frances; Rhoda, who resides in Johnstown, this county; and Phidelia Frush, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph have the following sons and daughters: Royal M., a railroad man who resides in Columbus, Ohio, and who departed this life in his thirty-first year, leaving a widow; Elmer, of Philadelphia,

trust claim agent of the Lehigh Valley Railroad; George, who is an electrical engineer residing in Alabama; Lewis, a resident of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, who served in the Spanish-American war from Missouri; Herbert, train dispatcher of the Panhandle Railroad at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Jesse, a railroad freight claim agent residing in New York city; Emma, wife of John Bateman, of Prentice, Illinois; and Rosa, who was the wife of C. J. Brown, and died in Alabama when she was forty-two years of age. Miles Joseph has always resided in this township, where he is well known for his enterprising spirit, and always having maintained his integrity in all transactions he is held in high respect throughout the community and is numbered among the township's worthy and representative citizens.

HON. HERBERT ATHERTON.

Hon. Herbert Atherton, mayor of Newark, is leaving the impress of his individuality upon democratic activity in Licking county. With firm belief in the principles of the party, he has labored earnestly for their adoption and his efforts have been effective factors in democratic success. He has also filled various offices and, as mayor of the city, is giving a business-like administration in which he has introduced many needed improvements and reforms.

One of Licking county's native sons, Mr. Atherton, was born August 9, 1846, upon the home farm in Madison township, his parents being Augustus W. and Cynthia M. (Taft) Atherton. The father was a native of Newark township, this county, born February 22, 1824, while the mother was born in Knox county, Ohio, August 26, 1825. At the pioneer epoch of the history of this part of the state the family was founded here by the grandfather, John Atherton, who came from Pennsylvania and settled in Licking county when the land was largely uncultivated, the forests uncut and the streams unbridged. He took up the task of farming amidst pioneer environments and assisted largely in the early development of the county. He resided here continuously as one of the respected and early settlers until his death, which occurred when he was eighty-two years of age. One of his sons, Gibson Atherton, became a very prominent and influential resident of the county. He served as prosecuting attorney and gained distinction as a noted criminal lawyer. Called to public office, he has represented his district in congress for four years and was appointed judge of the supreme court to fill a vacancy, serving on the bench for about a year. He was also one of the first mayors of Newark after the incorporation of the city, being elected in 1860. He served for four years as chief executive here and was afterward for several terms a member of the city council. He was well fitted for leadership, for in addition to his thorough mastery of the questions and issues of the day, he is greatly interested in matters pertaining to the general good of the community and possesses much of that quality which, for want of a better term, has been called personal magnetism. He thus gained a large following and his official record shows that the confidence reposed in him is well placed. His brother, Augustus W. Atherton, the father of Newark's present mayor, was a farmer by occupation and devoted his entire life to tilling the soil. He was, however, a man of genuine worth, respected by all who knew him. He died on the old homestead in 1889.

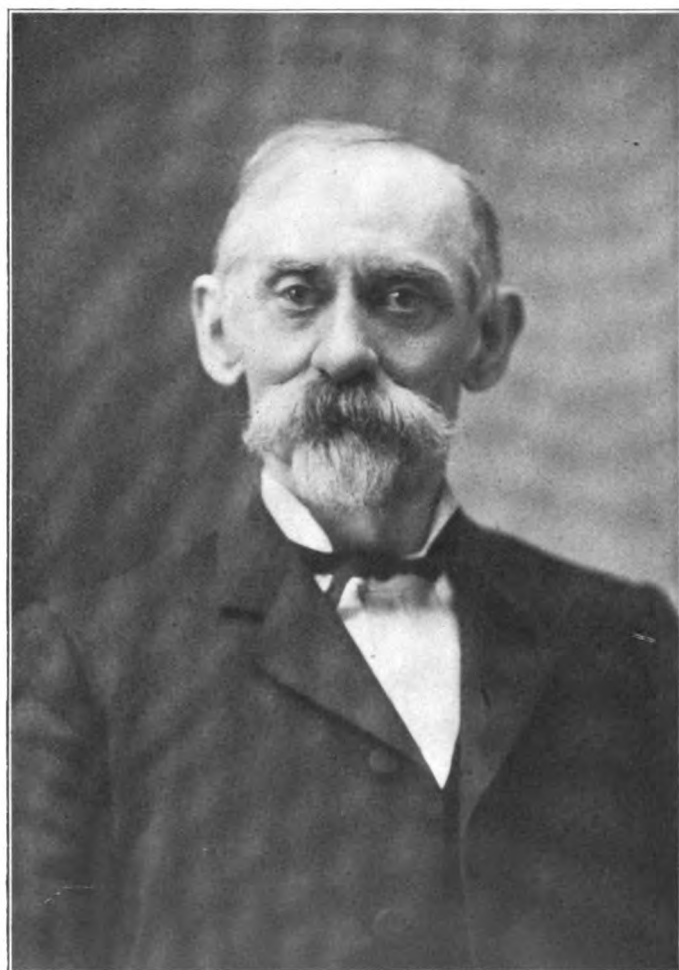
No event of especial importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Herbert Atherton in his boyhood and youth. He assisted in the work of the fields through the summer months and in the winter seasons attended the public schools. After putting aside his text-books he followed farming until 1885, when he removed to the city of Newark, where he engaged in the real estate and coal business. In 1890 he was elected real estate appraiser for the city of Newark and the same year was chosen county commissioner by popular suffrage, filling the latter position for six years. In 1898 he was elected mayor of Newark, and that the public endorsed his administration is indicated in the fact that he was reelected in 1900, serving for four years. He then became connected with the city police department as station house keeper of the city prison, resigning that position on the 1st of September, 1907, to again become the democratic nominee for mayor. In the month of November he was elected, having a majority of ten hundred and sixteen, the largest majority ever given to any candidate for the office in Newark, a fact which is highly complimentary, indicating his personal popularity, the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens and their recognition of his good service while formerly an incumbent in that office. He has studied closely the needs of the city, the possibilities for progressive development and the demands of the city in the municipal business. While he is careful to avoid expenditure of public funds, he nevertheless advocates substantial progress and his influence is always given to the side of advancement.

On the 6th of April, 1902, Mr. Atherton was united in marriage to Miss Mary Keenan of Newark. Mr. Atherton has two sons by a former marriage, William and Augustus. The first named is secretary to the general manager of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad and the Pere Marquette railroad. Mr. Atherton is a member of the fraternal order of Eagles, the Modern Woodmen and the German Benevolent Society. He has made an excellent official and in the unremunerated offices of private friendship he has been loyal and faithful. In turn his friends believe in him and feel that their faith has never been misplaced. Sincerity, loyalty, trustworthiness—these are qualities that stand as salient elements in the character of Herbert Atherton.

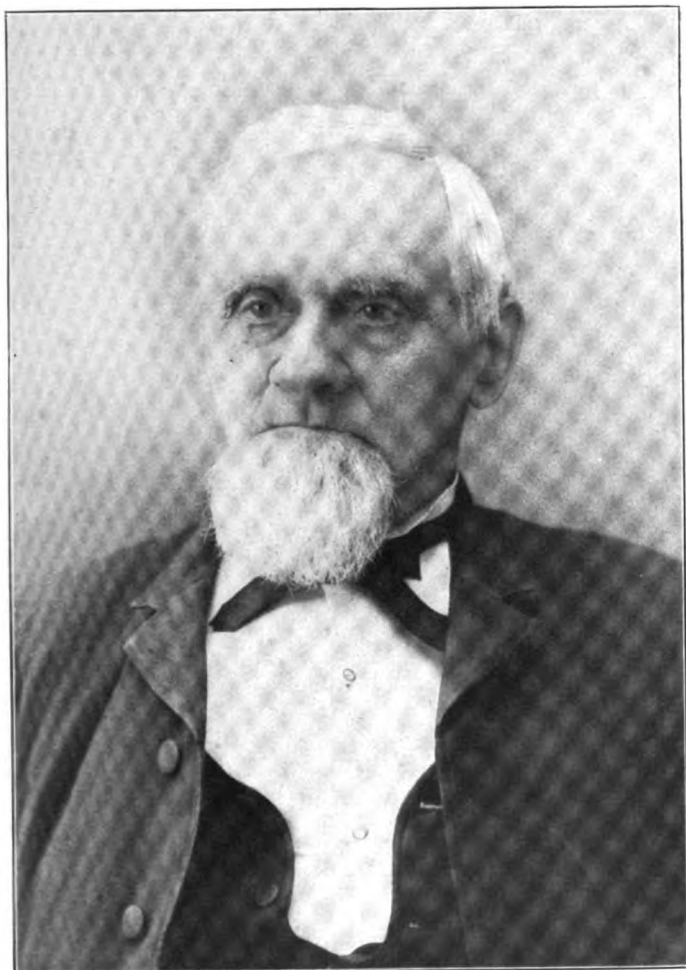
HON. B. G. SMYTHE.

Hon. B. G. Smythe is the dean of the Licking county bar, having continuously engaged in practice in Newark for forty-three years. What he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of the innate talents which are his, and he is today honored not more for his professional accomplishments and successes than for those virtues and graces of character which have ever numbered him among the valued citizens and made his friendship and companionship prized wherever intelligence is regarded as a necessary attribute to agreeableness.

A native of Newark, Mr. Smythe was born on the 21st day of August, 1843, his parents being George B. and Sarah C. (Caffee) Smythe, the latter a daughter of Amos H. Caffee, one of the pioneer residents of this city. The father was a native of Saratoga county, New York, and about 1830 arrived in Newark, Ohio, where he resided for a short time. He then went to Washington, District of



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Columbia, where he read law under the direction of Walter Jones, one of the most distinguished lawyers of this country. While in that city Mr. Smythe became principal of an academy for boys on Capitol hill, and was engaged as reporter for several newspapers. Two years were passed in Washington, after which, having been graduated at Union College, New York, he returned to Ohio, again locating in Newark in 1834, having in the meantime been admitted to the bar at Portsmouth, Ohio. He remained in the active practice of law in this city until he reached the venerable age of eighty-seven years and no resident of the community enjoyed in larger measure, or more fully deserved, the respect and esteem so uniformly accorded him. He had no political ambitions, although his fellow townsmen elected him to serve as their representative in the state legislature for one term. He preferred to give his attention to his private business interests and was accorded a liberal clientage that connected him with the most important litigation tried in the courts of his district. As he prospered he made judicious investments in real estate from time to time and became the owner of considerable valuable property. His death occurred in the year 1898, at the age of ninety-two years. Thus passed away one whose life work was very beneficial to the community, for he was ever constant in honor, faultless in conduct, and stainless in reputation. His wife was born in Newark, of which city her father, Amos Caffee, was mayor in 1847. He also laid out the cemetery of Newark, was clerk of the county court, and a member of the city council. In fact, he took a very prominent and influential part in public affairs, and his influence was ever on the side of upbuilding and orderly progression.

B. G. Smythe completed his literary education in Union College at Schenectady, New York, under the direction of Dr. Eliphalet Nott, the grandfather of the late Bishop Potter. Following his graduation in 1864 he immediately returned home and took up the study of law under the direction of his father, being admitted to the bar at Wooster, Ohio, in 1866. He began practice in Newark, where he has since remained. For one term he was justice of the peace, but has never sought nor desired office other than in the line of his profession, preferring to concentrate his attention upon the duties of a large private practice. He has conducted important litigation in the federal and state courts, with gratifying success, winning well earned fame and distinction. He has much natural ability, but is, withal, a hard student and is never contented until he has mastered every detail of his cases. He believes in the maxim, "There is no excellence without labor," and follows it closely. He is never surprised by some unexpected discovery by the opposing lawyer, for in his mind he weighs every point and fortifies himself as well for defense as for attack. Few lawyers win a larger percentage of cases before either judge or jury than does Mr. Smythe, who convinces by his concise statement of law and facts rather than by word painting. Whatever he does is for the best interest of his clients and for the honor of his profession, and he is numbered among the most prominent members of the Licking County Bar Association.

In 1865 Mr. Smythe was married to Miss Sarah Atcherley, of White Church, England, and they have one son and one daughter: Philip B., who is his father's law partner, and Lora; the wife of Dr. J. L. Hervey, of Martin's Ferry, Ohio. The social side of Mr. Smythe's nature finds expression in his membership with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and in the entertainment of his many

friends at his own home. His entire life has been passed in Newark, so that his history is largely familiar to its citizens, and he has always displayed commendable qualities, being progressive in his citizenship, faithful in his friendships, and loyal to every trust reposed in him.

JOHN W. SPEELMAN.

John W. Speelman is now living retired in Burlington, but for some time was identified with commercial interests and previously with agricultural life. He is, moreover, a veteran of the Civil war, who in the darkest hour of the country's history, stood loyally in defense of the rights of the federal government. His birth occurred in Knox county, Ohio, March 9, 1840. His father, William Speelman, was born in Maryland and was a son of John Speelman, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, who removed to Pennsylvania when his son William was but four years of age. It was in the Keystone state that the boy was reared and after attaining his majority was there married to Miss Letitia Long. Soon afterward he came to Ohio, locating in Licking county, and three years later he removed to Knox county, purchasing eighty acres of timber land, for which he paid two dollars and a quarter per acre. He was forty years in making the payments upon this place and died on the farm at the age of seventy-seven years, his birth having occurred in 1806.

John W. Speelman received a liberal common-school education. His youth was largely a period of earnest toil, for he assisted his father in the cultivation of the fields on the old home place. On the 11th of December, 1863, he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Jagger, a daughter of Silas Jagger of Licking county. They took up their abode on a farm in Knox county, where they lived for three years, Mr. Speelman renting the land. He then returned to Licking county, where he again rented a farm for four or five years, during which time he carefully saved his earnings and as the result of his diligence and economy was enabled to purchase ninety acres near the old homestead in Knox county. In 1895 he removed to Homer, where he has since resided. The only interruption that has come to his active business career was at the time of the Civil war, when in May, 1864, he enlisted as a member of Company B, One Hundred and Forty-second regiment of Ohio volunteers for one hundred days' service. He had three brothers, who were also members of the army, Francis and David, who served in the same company and are now deceased; and Louis, who was a member of Company G, Twentieth Ohio Regiment, and is now living in Knox county. After his return from the war Mr. Speelman resumed farming and continued to till the soil until his removal to Homer, when he engaged with his son in the implement business. After several years he sold out in that line and established and conducted a grocery and dry goods store, but for the past four years has lived retired, enjoying a well earned rest.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Speelman were born five children, but only one is now living. Arthur, a representative business man of Homer. Mrs. Speelman has also passed to her reward, having died on the twenty-eighth of February, 1909. Mr. Speelman is a consistent and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was also

his wife, and he has been an exhorter therein for forty years. He also belongs to the J. Dill Post, G. A. R., and maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. His life has been an active and useful one and his success is well merited, for in all of his dealings he has been straightforward, energetic and reliable.

JAMES P. LATIMER, M. D.

Many accord to the practice of medicine the highest place among the business and professional interests to which man devotes his energies. The importance of the work is certainly most pronounced and the physician, therefore, occupies a prominent place in the community if he is capable and loyal to a high standard of professional ethics. In this connection Dr. Latimer is well known and is now successfully practicing in Newark. Stark county, Ohio, numbers him as one of her native sons, his birth having there occurred July 10, 1853. His father, George Latimer, was also a native of that county, being the first white male child born within its borders. Having arrived at years of maturity he wedded Martha Warden, who was born on the farm where the birth of her son, Dr. Latimer, afterward occurred. The family on both sides comes from Pennsylvania, and in both the paternal and maternal lines, is of Scotch-Irish origin.

Dr. Latimer was only three months old when his parents removed to Richland county, Ohio, and there as a public school student he pursued his preliminary education which was supplemented by study in Wooster university. He thus obtained broad literary knowledge to serve as the foundation on which to rear the superstructure of his professional learning and, having determined to become a member of the medical fraternity, he entered the Cleveland Medical College, but later continued his studies in the Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons, from which he was graduated. He also did post-graduate work at Rush Medical College of Chicago in 1882. In the meantime, however, he began practice at Perrysville, Ohio, in 1879, spending a year there, and in 1880 he came to Newark which at that time had a population of eighty-five hundred. He has witnessed the growth of the city until it now contains more than thirty thousand people and his own practice has developed proportionately as he has faithfully ministered to those in need of medical and surgical aid, his careful diagnosis of cases and his correct administration of remedial agencies proving forceful elements in his successful professional career.

In the year in which he located in Newark Dr. Latimer was married to Miss Frances Smith, a native of Richland county, and they now have two daughters: Lilian S., who was graduated from Washington Seminary of Pennsylvania in 1903; and Bertha, who was a member of the junior class in Wilson College, at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, is now a senior of Shepardson College, Granville.

Dr. Latimer is a member of Acme Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Newark. His fellow citizens, recognizing his fidelity to public interests, have frequently urged him to become a candidate for office, but he has no ambition in that direction, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his professional duties and to enjoy the companionship of his family and friends when not occupied with his professional labors. He is a member of the Licking County and Ohio State Medical

Societies and the American Medical Association, being today the oldest member of the American Medical Association living in Newark. Anything which tends to bring to man the key to that complex mystery which we call life is of interest to him, and in all of his professional duties he manifests a sense of conscientious obligation that prompts him to put forth his best efforts for the welfare of his patients.

JOHN H. MYER.

Among those whose industry and enterprise have done much toward developing the agricultural interests of Union township is John H. Myer, a prosperous farmer and worthy citizen whose birth occurred on the farm to which he has always devoted his energies, on February 6, 1861. His paternal grandparents were Peter and Anna Myer, natives of Maryland, where the former departed this life. His widow came to Licking county in 1819, locating in Union township, where she spent her remaining days. Their family included eight children, among whom was Jacob H. Myer, who was born in Allegany county, Maryland, in the year 1800, and came to Union township with his mother. Here he was employed as a laborer by the month for several years until he secured sufficient means with which to purchase a farm, on which he produced general crops and dealt in stock until his death which occurred January 3, 1867. He was married twice, his first union being with Nancy Postie, by whom he had a son Peter. For his second wife he chose Miss Mary Oldaker and the only child of this marriage is John H. Myer of this review.

On the farm to which he now devotes his attention John H. Myer spent his boyhood days, during which time he assisted in the work of the fields and during the short winter seasons acquired his education in the neighboring schools, nothing unusual occurring to change the experiences common to the country boy. Here he grew up, from year to year making himself more proficient in farm work until he assumed the management of the home place which he now owns. It is known as the Walnut Hill farm and adjoins the Buckeye Lake park grounds on the Dog Lake road, two miles south of Hebron. His farm is one of the most highly improved of his part of the township and is provided with substantial buildings. Mr. Myer makes a specialty of raising garden produce and also conducts a dairy business, the adjacent summer resort affording him a convenient and lucrative market for his produce. The fact that his farm borders the park grounds makes it of exceptional value and he has recently laid off a portion of his property in lots which is known as the Cottage lot addition and is supplied with every appointment of a pleasant summer resort.

In 1887 Mr. Myer wedded Hattie E. Seymour, a native of Union township, born September 20, 1865, and a daughter of Bruce E. and Elizabeth (Lees) Seymour, natives of England. Her father is now deceased while her mother lives in Hebron. Mr. and Mrs. Myer are the parents of four children, namely: Ernest O., Dillon S., Mary E., and Alice Harriett. Mr. Myer has always been faithful to the democratic party. Aside from taking an interest in national and state politics he is also concerned in local affairs. He has served as a member of the



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school board and is always willing to put forth such efforts as will tend toward promoting the public good. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church of Hebron, in the affairs of which he is a leading factor and for a number of years has been a member of the official board. His daily walk and conversation are in keeping with the tenets of the faith he professes and thus his conduct in all life's relations is measured by the higher standard of Christian morality. He is therefore a valued asset to the moral and spiritual life of the neighborhood and is known throughout the township as a substantial and honorable citizen.

JAMES W. FULTON.

James W. Fulton, a substantial citizen and progressive agriculturist of Burlington township, was born near Homer, Licking county, Ohio, on the 8th day of February, 1853, his parents being William and Rachel (Carver) Fulton, natives of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and Mary Ann township, Licking county, respectively. The maternal grandfather of our subject, James Wiley Carver, was for several years associated with the Mary Ann furnace. William Fulton, whose birth occurred January 13, 1818, came to Licking county when a young man, locating west of Homer with his uncle, Robert Fulton, one of the founders of Denison University. For some years he traveled around the country, going to Iowa, Indiana and Pennsylvania in the order named, while later he returned to Licking county, making the journey on horseback. Soon afterward, about the year 1850, he was married and took up his abode in a log cabin on the farm of his uncle, Robert Fulton. Subsequently he purchased the old water mill just west of Homer and operated it for several years in association with Abraham Stamen. He then turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, with which he was connected until the time of his demise, which occurred October 2, 1896, while his wife had been called to her final rest on the 22d of May, 1889. He gave his political allegiance to the democracy and that his fellow townsmen recognized his worth and ability is indicated in the fact that he was chosen to serve in various township offices, including those of trustee, assessor and land appraiser.

James W. Fulton was reared under the parental roof and in the acquirement of an education attended the grammar and high schools of Homer. When nineteen years of age he began teaching and for four years devoted his time to that profession, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had gained. On abandoning educational work he became connected with agricultural interests, taking charge of and conducting the home farm. On the 16th of May, 1889, he was united in marriage to Miss Clara Dunlap, of Burlington township, and soon afterward, his parents having removed to Homer, he was left in charge of the home place. The mother died soon after her removal to Homer and the father, after three or four years' residence with two of his daughters in that town, returned to the old homestead farm to take up his abode with his son, James W. Subsequent to his father's death James W. Fulton purchased the home place of one hundred and six acres and has since been engaged in its cultivation and improvement, the property being now a valuable and highly improved tract of land and bringing to him a substantial income annually.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fulton have been born five children, three of whom still survive: Mary A., the wife of Frank Fishner, who resides with Mr. Fulton and is employed as engineer at the gas pumping station; Marjorie, who is attending the high school; and James William, a public school student in Homer.

Politically Mr. Fulton is a democrat and has served for two terms as township trustee and township assessor, while for six years he has been a member of the school board, of which he is now acting as president. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church and he is well and favorably known throughout the county in which his entire life has been passed. He has always been found reliable and trustworthy in all his business dealings, and to his honesty, industry and economy is due the success which he has achieved.

W. J. POND.

W. J. Pond, one of the leaders of the republican party in Licking county, identified through business relations with insurance and real estate interests in Granville, was here born on the 3d of July, 1848, his parents being Aaron and Electa (Biglow) Pond. The mother was a native of West Virginia, while the father was born in the state of New York. In his boyhood days he came to Ohio and worked on the Ohio canal, driving an ox team. He took an active interest in politics and was a staunch supporter of the old whig party. In the days of the militia he served as major. Unto him and his wife were born three children, Marietta and Mary, both deceased; and W. J. of this review. The mother died in 1849 and in 1851 the father married again and by that union there were two children: Nicholas, who is now at the Soldiers' Home in Ohio; and Elizabeth, who is the widow of H. A. Spelman and lives with her brother, W. J. Pond. The father, long well known as a worthy citizen of the community, died in 1890.

W. J. Pond was here reared and devoted his early years to acquiring an education. At the age of sixteen he began learning the cabinetmaker's trade and he still has in his possession a stand which he made after working at the trade for only six months. He followed cabinet making for about a year and a half, after which he devoted a number of years to buying produce. Later he became a clerk in a hardware store and was identified with that business for twenty years, while at the present time he is engaged in the real estate and insurance business. In this field of labor he has secured a good clientage, has negotiated many important realty transfers and annually writes considerable insurance. He is also connected with the Building Savings & Loan Company of Granville and he and his wife own a half interest in two large store buildings, together with a fine residence in Granville.

In 1873 he was united in marriage to Miss Anna E. Eager, who was born in Licking county in 1853 and is one of a family of four children, whose parents, John H. and Mary Eager, were Vermont people. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Pond have been born two sons. Henry W., a graduate of the Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, is married and resides in Chicago. Robert E., a graduate of Denison University, is now with the American Multigraph Company of Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Pond are well known in this locality, enjoying the warm regard of those with whom they have been brought in contact. They hold membership in the Presbyterian church and Mrs. Pond is vice president of the Ladies' Missionary society, and is also an active club woman. In his political views Mr. Pond is a stalwart republican and for twelve years has been town treasurer here. He has also served on the school board for eight years and on the water works board for twelve years, capably discharging his public duties that the interests of the community may be advanced. He is now serving as one of the school committeemen and takes an active and helpful interest in the work of his party. Fraternally he is also well known as a prominent Odd Fellow and has filled all of the chairs in the local lodge at Granville. Those who know him esteem him for his sterling worth, his genial manner, his friendly disposition, his business integrity and his progressive citizenship.

MRS. SARAH J. (JONES) PRICE.

Mrs. Sarah J. (Jones) Price, the widow of Thomas D. Price, was born in Newton township, Licking county, Ohio, her parents being Morris and Jane (Glynn) Jones, both natives of Wales. The father, who emigrated to the United States at an early day, was engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. On his first farm, which was situated in Newton township, Licking county, he built a log cabin, wherein seven of his children were born. His demise occurred in 1883, while his wife had been called to her final rest in March, 1851. Unto this worthy couple were born twelve children, namely: Edward, a resident of Alexandria, Ohio; Mrs. Price; Enoch, of Granville, Ohio; J. B., living in Newark, Ohio; Mary Ann, the wife of M. O. Nash; Morris, a farmer of this county; Caroline, who also makes her home in Newark, Ohio; and five who are deceased.

In the year 1855 Sarah J. Jones gave her hand in marriage to Thomas D. Price, whose birth occurred in Newark township, Licking county, in 1826, his parents being Edward and Mary (Pittsford) Price, both of whom were natives of Wales and crossed the Atlantic to the United States at an early date. Thomas D. Price followed general farming as a life work and, in addition to the work of the fields, made a specialty of raising cattle and sheep and was also quite an extensive fruit grower. In his various undertakings he met with a gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity and was widely recognized as a substantial agriculturist and public-spirited citizen of his native county. Unto him and his wife were born eight sons, as follows: Ira M., a teacher in Chicago, Illinois; Asa E., deceased; Silas E., a college professor at Kansas City; Mark E., who has also passed away; Enoch, a practicing attorney of Chicago, Illinois; Milo B., a high school professor at Owatonna, Minnesota; Orla J., pastor of the Baptist church at Lansing, Michigan; and Homer C., a teacher in the university at Columbus.

Mr. Price was called to his final rest in 1900 and thus passed away one of the county's worthy native sons, whose entire life, covering more than the psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, had been passed within its

borders. His widow lives on the valuable and productive farm of two hundred acres in Newark township and, having always made her home in this county, is widely and favorably known as a representative of an old pioneer family. She is a devoted member of the Baptist church, while her many excellent qualities of heart and mind have won her the regard and esteem of all with whom she has been brought in contact.

EDWARD JONES.

Edward Jones is the owner of an excellent farming property which he purchased in 1892. It comprises one hundred and twelve acres of valuable land only about a quarter of a mile west of Alexandria and is one of the best improved farm properties of the locality, constituting an attractive feature in the landscape. Here he is now supervising his farming interests, although he has reached the seventy-sixth milestone on the journey of life. He was born in Licking county, Ohio, April 22, 1833, and is therefore a representative of one of its oldest pioneer families. His parents were Maurice and Jane (Glynn) Jones, natives of Wales. The father was born in 1790 and when twenty-one years of age became a resident of Baltimore, Maryland. He spent some time in the east but when able to buy a farm made his way westward and located in Licking county, purchasing one hundred and twenty-one acres of timber land in Newton township, five miles north of Newark. He made three trips here across the mountains from Pennsylvania on horseback and later came with a wagon and took up his permanent abode. The remainder of his life was spent on the farm which he purchased here up to the time of his retirement from business cares, when he located in Newark, where his death occurred when he was eighty-two years of age. He had long survived his wife, who died in Newton township, in 1852, at the age of forty-three years. His life was ever in harmony with his professions as a member of the Baptist church and in the work of the church he took an active and helpful part, serving as one of the deacons. His family numbered eight children: Sarah Jane, now the widow of Thomas D. Price; Edward, of this review; J. B., a prominent attorney who died in Newark, December 16, 1907; Enoch, living in Granville; Elizabeth, the deceased wife of Rev. D. E. Owen, who was pastor of the Baptist church of Newark for fourteen years and erected the house of worship there; Maurice, living in McKean township; Mary Ann, the wife of M. O. Nash, justice of the peace of Newark; and Caroline, living with her sister Mary.

On the old home farm Edward Jones was reared and the days of his boyhood and youth were passed in the usual manner of farm lads of the period. Later he carried on the work of the home farm but in 1865 removed from Newton township to St. Albans township, where he has now lived for forty-four years. He resided with his parents up to the time of his marriage in 1859, when he began farming on his own account in Newton township, operating a part of his father's farm on the shares. In connection with his brother Enoch he purchased over three hundred acres on the Appleton road on the township line of Liberty and St. Albans townships. At length the property was divided and upon his portion Edward



MR. AND MRS. EDWARD JONES AND RELATIVES

Jones resided for about seventeen years, cultivating a tract of one hundred and sixty acres, which he brought under a high state of improvement. At length he sold that property and purchased Shaw farm a quarter of a mile west of Alexandria. In 1902 he disposed of that property and bought his present home, comprising one hundred and twelve acres on the Johnstown and Alexandria road, a quarter of a mile west of the latter town. Here he has a good brick residence, containing nine rooms, and in the rear stands substantial barns and outbuildings, furnishing ample shelter for grain and stock. He carries on general farming with dairying as a special feature of his place and in his business interests is meeting with gratifying success through his capable control of the various departments of the work.

In 1859 Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Phoebe Ann Pittsford, who was born in Granville township, this county, in July, 1839, and died in 1863. Her parents were James and Marian Pittsford. There were three children by that marriage: Oscar J., who is a merchant of Urbana, Ohio; Jennie, who became the wife of Rev. P. W. Longfellow, a minister of the Baptist church, and died in North Dakota, in 1896; and Phoebe Ann, who became the wife of R. F. Tyler, and died in November, 1896. After losing his first wife Mr. Jones was again married in 1865 to Miss Susan Maria Booth, who was born in Lancaster, Ohio, July 24, 1844, a daughter of Henry M. and Ann (Jones) Booth. They were natives of New York, but were married in Ohio. Mrs. Booth was born May 18, 1818, and was a daughter of David R. and Juan (Thomas) Jones, who were natives of Wales, the former born in 1787 and the latter in 1793. Mr. Jones crossed the Atlantic to New York in 1800, while his future wife arrived in 1801 and their marriage was celebrated in 1810. Both died in Licking county, Ohio. David R. Jones served as a soldier in the war of 1812, being on active duty in northern New York in the vicinity of Sackets Harbor. His eldest son, Thomas D. Jones, was a sculptor and modeled Lincoln's bust from life. He had modeled more busts of presidents up to that time than all other sculptors and he employed two Italian assistants. Mrs. Susan M. Jones has one brother, Henry J. Booth, an attorney of Columbus, of the firm of Booth, Keating & Peters. The father of Mrs. Jones was a son of Susanna Madison, a cousin of President Madison. Unto Edward and Susan M. (Booth) Jones, were born four children: Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Wynne, now with her father; Carrie, the wife of Dr. F. O. Williams of Columbus; Annie, at home; and Edna, the wife of B. V. Price, of Union township.

In his political views Mr. Jones has always been a stalwart democrat, supporting the candidates of the party where national questions are involved but casting an independent local ballot. From the age of twenty-one years he has been a member of the Baptist church, to which his wife and children also belong. He has taken a very active and helpful part in church work, serving as one of its deacons for forty-three years, while during this entire period he has endeavored to conform to the teachings of the scriptures, so that his life has ever been honorable and upright in his relations with his fellowmen. Moreover, he is numbered among the pioneer residents of the county, for he has lived within its borders for seventy-six years, during which time all of the evidences of frontier life have been replaced by those of a modern and progressive civilization. No longer does the farmer go out from his log cabin or little frame dwelling into his fields to cut

his grain with the scythe and tie it in bundles. The homes are now mostly commodious and substantial dwellings, while invention has given to the farmer splendid machinery until there is comparatively little manual labor, for what was formerly done by hand is now done by machinery. Mr. Jones has kept pace with the progress made in agricultural lines and at all times has rejoiced in what has been accomplished.

LINK C. RUSSELL.

Link C. Russell, a member of the Newark bar, is also a prominent figure in political circles, being recognized as one of the leaders of the republican party in this section of the state. He was born in Stockport, Morgan county, Ohio, February 12, 1874, his parents being Thomas and Elizabeth (Bingham) Russell, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Pennsylvania. The father was a blacksmith by trade and was well known in the community as an industrious, reliable man. He held several minor offices in the township and continued a resident of Morgan county until called to his final rest. His wife still survives.

Link C. Russell enjoyed the advantages of a course of study in Marietta College, from which he was graduated in 1895 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He afterward spent one year as a student in the Cincinnati Law School and was superintendent of schools at Friendship, Wisconsin, for three years, but he regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional labor and while thus engaged devoted his leisure time to the reading of law. In 1898 he was admitted to the bar and began practice at Connellsville, Ohio, where he remained for five years. In 1903 he came to Newark and has since been connected with the legal fraternity of this city, being now senior partner of the law firm of Russell & Horner. He is a member of the Licking County Bar Association. His success in professional lines affords the best evidence of his capabilities in this work. He is a strong advocate with the jury and concise in his appeal before the court. Much of the success which has attended him in his professional career is undoubtedly due to the fact that in no instance will he permit himself to go into court with a case unless he has absolute confidence in the justice of his client's cause. Basing his practice on this principle, from which there are far too many lapses in professional circles, it naturally follows that he seldom loses a case in whose support he is enlisted.

On the 13th of June, 1895, the day of his graduation, Mr. Russell was united in marriage to Miss Ella Glassford, a native of Morgan county, Ohio, and they have two children, Bert and Nellie. Mr. Russell is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Woodmen camp, while his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. One of the leading and influential members of the republican party in his section of the state, he has taken great interest in politics since attaining his majority. He was a delegate to all the county, judicial, congressional and state conventions from Morgan county, while residing there, and was chairman of two county conventions in Morgan county and also two in Licking county. He acted as both temporary and permanent chairman of the Licking county con-

vention which was the last to be held here by virtue of a change in the law. He has served on the republican county executive committee, of which he has twice been secretary, filling the position at the present time. He has delivered many campaign addresses in both Morgan and Licking counties and is a forceful speaker who intelligently handles the point at issue and gives strong argument in support of the principles in which he believes. He has a wide acquaintance in this part of the state and his salient qualities have gained him the favorable regard and good will of the majority of those with whom he has been brought into contact.

CHARLES E. KELLER.

Charles E. Keller, a well known and successful agriculturist and stock raiser of Newark township, was born in Licking county, Ohio, September 15, 1861, his parents being Jacob and Elizabeth (Layman) Keller, the former also a native of this county. Jacob Keller, whose birth occurred February 3, 1829, passed away on the 23d of February, 1886, while his wife, born May 29, 1837, was called to her final rest on the 28th of January, 1883. Unto this worthy couple were born ten children, namely: M. Missouri Berry, who is deceased; Frank B., a resident of Newark township; Charles E., of this review; V. C., of Newark township; C. V., living in Newark, Ohio; Cora M. and Dora, who have passed away; Lillian B., who makes her home with her brother Charles; Seba E., the wife of William D. Bell, of Licking county; and Edward M., of Newark township.

Charles E. Keller supplemented his preliminary education by a course in the Normal College at Ada, Ohio, and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. Subsequently he was engaged in teaching school for three years, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge he had acquired. At the time of his father's death, however, he returned home and took charge of the farm in 1887. He now owns seventy-five acres of the old homestead farm in Newark township and resides in the house which was built by his grandfather, a pioneer settler of the county, who took up his abode here in the year 1833. In addition to the work of the fields he makes a specialty of raising Poland China hogs and has received a number of premiums on his stock. He won the champion prize at the state fairs in Illinois and Ohio in 1905 and 1907, and also won a premium at the World's Columbian Exposition, 1903. Energetic, industrious and progressive, he has gained a well merited measure of prosperity in his farming operations and is widely recognized as one of the representative and enterprising agriculturists of the county.

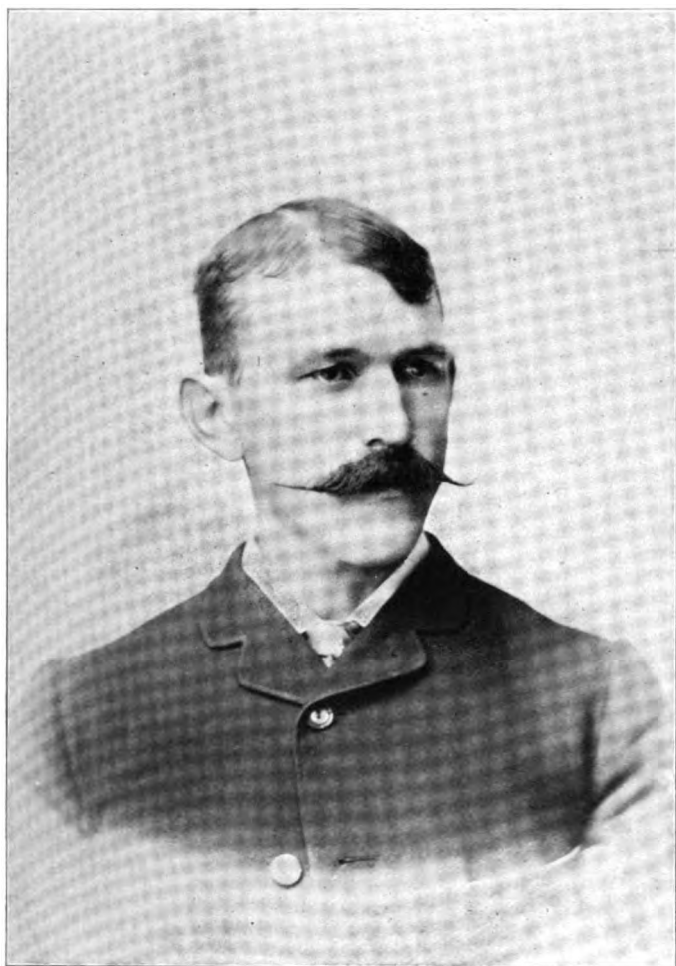
On the 30th of December, 1890, Mr. Keller was joined in wedlock to Miss May M. Scott, whose birth occurred in Seneca county, Ohio, April 5, 1863, her parents being G. W. and Catharine Scott. The father, a native of Washington county, Ohio, died September 8, 1906, while the mother, who was born in Seneca county, Ohio, passed away on the 15th of October, 1901. Their family numbered six children, as follows: Florence, the wife of A. B. Hasson of Seneca county, Ohio; George D., also a resident of Seneca county, Ohio; Ada, the wife of H. C. Bowland, of Michigan; Mrs. Keller; Nettie C., the wife of E. W. Keller, of Seneca county, Ohio; and H. K., living in New York city.

In his political views Mr. Keller is a stalwart democrat but has no desire for the honors or emoluments of office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his private business interests. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Congregational church, while his wife is connected with the Methodist Episcopal denomination. Having spent practically his entire life in Licking county, he is widely and favorably known within its borders and has been an interested witness of its gradual growth and development as it has kept pace with the onward march of civilization.

JOHN P. CAMP.

John P. Camp, trustee of Madison township, is a well known agriculturist and political leader of his community. He was born in Hanover township, this county, February 17, 1857, and is one of a family of ten children, whose parents were Isaac and Alcinda (Evans) Camp. The father was probably a native of Coshocton county, Ohio, where he was reared and married. His wife was a native of the Shenandoah valley of Virginia, and in her girlhood days accompanied her parents on their removal to Coshocton county. Soon after his marriage Isaac Camp removed to Licking county and took up his abode on a farm in Hanover township, where he died on New Years day of 1862, at the age of forty-six years, his widow surviving him to the age of seventy-seven years. At the time of his demise he owned two hundred and sixty-five acres of rich and well improved land. Only four children of the family are living: Lucinda, the widow of Lucas Livingston, of Newark; Martha, the widow of James Kelsey, and a resident of Columbus; John P. of this review; and Susan V., the wife of Dr. D. O. Roberts, of Hanover.

In the district schools John P. Camp pursued his early education and afterward attended school in Hanover. The old homestead farm was sold when he was thirteen years of age and from that time forward he was a bread winner. For some time he was employed as water boy for a railroad construction gang and at fifteen years of age he accepted a position as section man on the road. While young in years he was large in frame and well developed and was therefore able to do the work usually performed by a man. Up to his twenty-first year he divided his time between farming and section work and when he had attained his majority, with the capital that he had been able to save from his earnings, he engaged in the cigar and tobacco business at Dresden, Ohio, conducting the enterprise there for two years. On the expiration of that period he entered the service of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company as fireman and was also employed in that way for two years, while during the succeeding four years various business duties claimed his attention. In 1885 he again became fireman on the Baltimore & Ohio and in 1889 he was promoted to the position of engineer. On the 27th of September, 1890, in a head-on collision between his train and another freight train, traveling at a high rate of speed, he was terribly crippled, while eight men were killed. He lost one leg and the other was badly crushed. A man sitting in the seat with him in his engine was killed and Mr. Camp narrowly escaped with his life. For ten years the matter was in the court and as the result



JOHN P. CAMP

of this litigation in February, 1901, Mr. Camp was awarded judgment for fifteen thousand, nine hundred and ninety-five dollars. Following this he purchased his present farm in Madison township, comprising two hundred acres of rich and productive land and in June, 1907, he purchased another farm of seventy acres, this being a part of the Charles Montgomery estate. He has as fine a farm as there is in Licking county and everything about the place is neat, attractive and well kept.

In 1887 Mr. Camp was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Jones, of Madison township, a daughter of Evan Jones, who died while serving his country in the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Camp have but one child, Benjamin H., who is at home with his parents. In politics Mr. Camp has always been a stalwart republican and was nominated and elected to the office of township trustee, in which position he is now serving. He was also a candidate in the fall of 1908 on the republican ticket for county commissioner. He has served for one term as assessor of his township and is well known in this part of the state as a trustworthy and reliable official. He enjoys the warm regard of many friends, his good qualities having gained for him the esteem of those with whom he has been associated.

WILLIAM M. FLEMING.

William M. Fleming, a successful agriculturist of Newark township, was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, July 29, 1859, his parents being Daniel and Bethann (Beal) Fleming, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of West Virginia. The father, whose birth occurred in 1818, passed away in 1868, while the mother, born in 1829, was called to her final rest in 1903. Unto this worthy couple were born eleven children, namely: Harriet, the wife of H. R. Ward, of Newark, Ohio; Henry, Mary H., Edward and Laura, all of whom are deceased; William M., of this review; Frank, a resident of Muskingum county, Ohio; Ulysses, of Toledo, Ohio; Joseph, who also makes his home in Muskingum county, Ohio; Anna, the wife of A. J. Woodward; and one who died in infancy.

William M. Fleming obtained his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until he had attained the age of twenty-four years. Subsequently he purchased land in South Dakota and there resided for thirteen years, on the expiration of which period he returned to Newark, Licking county, and bought the farm of one hundred and thirty-eight acres on which he has since made his home. He has erected a commodious and substantial residence, as well as all necessary outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock, and in the conduct of his agricultural interests has met with a measure of success that entitles him to representation among the prosperous and enterprising farmers of the community.

On the 24th of June, 1884, Mr. Fleming was united in marriage to Miss Ida Woodward, whose birth occurred in Licking county, Ohio, May 24, 1863, her parents, B. C. and Sarah (Galbrath) Woodward, being now deceased. Mrs. Fleming, who was one of a family of three children, is a graduate of Delaware College. By her marriage she has become the mother of nine children, namely: Bertha B., a graduate of the Newark high school, who has been engaged in

teaching for two years; Harold and Edith, who have passed away; Forest, who is attending business college; William C., a student in the high school at Granville, Ohio; Bradford; Richard; Mabel; and Bernard, who is deceased.

Since age has conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Fleming has given his political support to the republican party and has served his fellow townsmen in the position of assessor and as a member of the school board. His fraternal relations connect him with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the United Workmen. Both he and his wife are devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Newark, Ohio. Their personal characteristics render them popular with many friends and they are much esteemed wherever known.

EMMETT PATTERSON.

Emmett Patterson makes his home in Newark but for many years was actively identified with farming interests and is still the owner of valuable farming property from which he annually derives a substantial and gratifying income. His acquaintance throughout the community is wide and favorable. A native son of this section of the state he was born in Madison township, Licking county, January 11, 1838, being one of the four children of James W. and Margaret (Casterline) Patterson. The father was born in county Down, Ireland, and when a young man came to the United States. He lived for a time in Louisville, Kentucky, and afterward removed to this county where he first found employment at the Mary Ann furnace, in Mary Ann township. There he acted as bookkeeper for some years after which he removed to Madison township and purchased two hundred and four acres of valuable land, turning his attention to general farming. Upon this place he spent his remaining days, his death occurring October 21, 1863, when he was seventy-seven years of age. He prospered in his farming enterprises and prior to his death acquired three hundred and eighty-five acres of land, constituting a valuable property so that he was able to leave his family in comfortable financial circumstances. His wife died in 1838 at the early age of twenty-four years and, always remaining true to her memory, Mr. Patterson never married again. In politics he was originally an old line whig, but later he became a staunch republican and prior to the Civil war was a strong anti-slavery man. He was a broad reader and deep thinker, and his views upon matters in question were comprehensive and sound. He held a wide influence in the locality in which he resided, leaving the impress of his individuality for good upon the community. He is survived by two daughters: Elizabeth, now the wife of Abraham Belford, of Granville, Ohio; and Mary, the wife of William Condon, of Logansport, Indiana.

The other surviving member of the family is Emmett Patterson, who was the youngest of the children. His birth occurred in one of the typical pioneer log cabins so common on the frontier. As he was only three weeks old when his mother died, he was taken by an aunt under whose care he remained for four years. At this time his older sisters had reached an age where they were able to assume charge of him and he returned home where he remained until he attained his majority. He was educated in the district schools and continued to assist his

father in the cultivation and improvement of the home farm until the father's death in 1863. A division of the estate was then made and Mr. Patterson received one hundred and twenty-two acres on which were located the home buildings. He continued his residence here until 1868, when he purchased one hundred acres lying across the road from the homestead, on which were modern buildings. He then removed to his new place and successfully continued its cultivation until October, 1907, when he went to Newark, where he now makes his home. He yet owns two hundred and thirty-eight acres of valuable land and still supervises his farming interests which return to him a desirable annual income. All his life he has been an active, energetic man, his labors being conducted with a measure of success which now enables him to largely live retired.

On the 21st of November, 1865, Mr. Patterson was married to Miss Carrie Wilson, a daughter of the late Stewart Wilson, of Madison township. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson are parents of two children: James S., who resides on his father's farm; and Olive E., at home. The parents are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are held in high esteem by all who know them, while the hospitality of their home is one of its attractive features. In politics Mr. Patterson is a republican but has never sought nor desired office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business affairs which, capably conducted, have brought to him well merited success.

WILLIAM H. KNAUSS, M. D.

William H. Knauss, physician and surgeon of Newark, was born in Vinton county, Ohio, January 5, 1873, and is a son of Thomas E. and Elizabeth (Rannells) Knauss, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. The father served as a member of a New Jersey regiment in the Civil War and afterward located for a few years in Vinton county, Ohio, subsequent to which time he removed to Columbus, where he is now living. In the schools of his native county Dr. Knauss mastered the elementary branches of English learning and later became a pupil in the schools of Columbus. A mental review of the business opportunities which seemed to be open led him to the determination to make the practice of medicine his life work. In the meantime, however, he acquired his more specifically literary knowledge in the Ohio State University in which he was graduated with the class of 1895. He then entered the Starling Medical College of Columbus, where he completed his course by graduation in the class of 1897. During his student days he also spent three years in Mount Carmel Hospital at Columbus and to his theoretical training thus added the valuable knowledge that came through broad hospital experience. In 1897 he located in Newark, where he has since engaged in general practice, and is doing an extensive business, for the public generally reposes much confidence in his professional skill. In 1907 he was appointed a health officer of Newark and is now acting in that capacity.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Dr. Knauss was married in 1902 to Miss Etta Parks, a native of Ohio. They have one daughter, Charlotte, born March 10, 1904. Dr. Knauss is well known in Masonic and other fraternal circles. He belongs

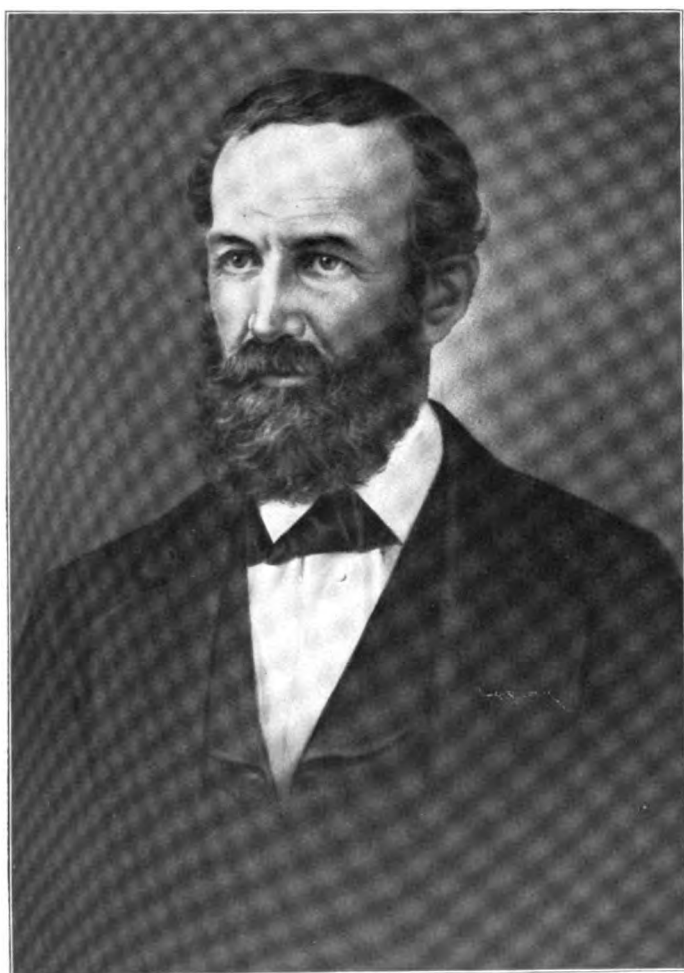
to Acme Lodge, A. F. & A. M., to the chapter, council and commandery, and is also a member of Aladdin Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He holds membership with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and professionally is connected with the Licking County, the Ohio State and the American Medical Associations. For eight years he has been connected with the Ohio National Guard, serving on the medical corps with the rank of captain, and he is also a member of the surgical staff of Newark Hospital. He is diligent and earnest in his professional work and his natural and acquired ability has enabled him to pass beyond the ranks of the many and gain a place among the successful few.

MRS. MARY O. (SOUSLIN) STEWART.

Mrs. Mary O. (Souslin) Stewart, the widow of Joseph E. Stewart, was born in Union township, Licking county, Ohio, May 22, 1858, her parents being George J. and Martha E. (Terman) Souslin, he also being a native of Licking county while his wife was a native of Virginia, coming to Licking county when she was two years old. The father followed agricultural pursuits throughout his business career and was also active in politics, upholding the men and measures of the democracy. His demise occurred on the 30th of May, 1899, and his wife survived him until October 17, 1901, when she, too, was called to her final rest. Their family numbered eight children, namely: Samuel, deceased; Mrs. Stewart; Alonzo, a resident of Dayton, Ohio; Ida B., who has also passed away; Curtis; Clement L., who is deceased; Barney, living in Newark, Ohio; and one who died in infancy.

In May, 1879, Mary O. Souslin became the wife of Joseph E. Stewart, whose birth occurred in Newark township, Licking county, October 7, 1832, a son of Alexander and Fannie (Evans) Stewart. The father, who was born in Glasgow, Scotland, October 7, 1795, passed away in 1866, his demise occurring on the 31st of October of that year. His wife, whose natal day was May 1, 1800, came to Licking county, Ohio, in 1805 and was called to her final rest in 1895, when she had attained the venerable age of ninety-five years. Unto this worthy couple were born eleven children, of whom but one survives—Elizabeth, the wife of Jackson Blind, of Licking county, Ohio. Those deceased are Mary Ann, William M., John, Mary, James E., Joseph E., Robert B., Angeline P., Samuel H. and Francis A. Unto Joseph E. and Mary O. (Souslin) Stewart were born six children, as follows: John D., whose birth occurred November 22, 1880, and who is now a practicing physician of Indianapolis; Frank B., who was born in April, 1881, married Ethel M. Litzenburg, and assists his mother in the work of the home farm; William A., who was born March 22, 1885, now at home; Edith May, born January 7, 1890, who is now the wife of John E. Elliott, of Licking county, Ohio; Joseph E., who first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 18th of November, 1895; and Harold Alexander, born November 28, 1902.

Joseph E. Stewart followed agricultural pursuits as a life occupation and in addition to the work of the fields he made a specialty of raising sheep, both branches of his business returning to him a gratifying annual income. His



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political allegiance was given to the democratic party but he had no desire for the honors or emoluments of office. When he was called to the home beyond on the 30th of October, 1905, the county mourned the loss of one of its worthy native sons and substantial citizens. He was a representative of one of the early pioneer families of Licking county and his labors were an important element in its later development and progress. Mrs. Stewart now manages and operates her farm of two hundred and eighty acres in Newark and Newton townships and is also engaged in raising sheep, being a woman of superior business qualifications and excellent executive ability. Her religious faith is indicated by her membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which she takes an active and helpful interest. She has gained an extensive circle of friends throughout this county during the half century of her residence here and, like her husband, is highly esteemed as a representative of one of its earliest pioneer families.

JOHN L. DUSTIN.

John L. Dustin is a retired farmer living in Granville. For many years he was closely associated with agricultural interests and his well directed labors brought him the competence that now enables him to rest from further toil. His life record began on the 20th of October, 1830, near Hinesburg, Vermont, his parents being Peter F. and Annabel (Clement) Dustin, who were also natives of the Green Mountain state, but died in New York. The father was a farmer and dairyman, giving much attention to the latter business both in Vermont and the Empire state. The family of this worthy couple numbered six children, but only two are now living: William, who resides in the west; and John L. The latter spent the first ten years of his life in the state of his nativity and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Potsdam, New York, where he resided for twelve years. While living in the east he was married in 1852 to Miss Elizabeth Davis, who was born in Saranac, New York, and died in Wisconsin, Ohio. It was after his marriage that he removed westward, settling in Licking county. He first established his home in Wisconsin and then removed to Kirkersville, where his wife's people were living. Securing a tract of land, Mr. Dustin turned his attention to general farming and year by year energetically and successfully carried on agricultural pursuits until about a year ago. He had one hundred acres of land, which he brought under a high state of cultivation, transforming the tract into fields of great fertility. In 1908, he sold his farm, having removed to Granville in 1870. He had also worked at the carpenter's trade, doing all his own work of that character and also some service in the same line for others. Farming, however, was his principal occupation and through his activity in that direction he won success that now enables him to live retired.

Having lost his first wife, Mr. Dustin was married in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1868, to Miss Maria Outcalt, who was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, July 31, 1837, and was brought to Licking county by her parents in 1839. The family home was established in Union township on the Homer township line. She is a daughter of John S. and Sarah (Outcalt) Outcalt, the former a native of Ohio and

of New Jersey parentage, while the latter was born in New Jersey and is of Holland descent. Since leaving the farm Mr. and Mrs. Dustin have made their home in Granville and are widely and favorably known here, enjoying in large measure the respect and good will of all with whom they have come in contact.

GEORGE FORSYTH.

The farming interests of Licking county find a worthy representative in George Forsyth, who is carrying on general agricultural pursuits in Harrison township with sheep and cattle as the special features of his farm. He has passed the eighty-second milestone on life's journey and his life of activity has been crowned with prosperity in his later years. His birth occurred in Guernsey county, Ohio, near Cumberland, November 18, 1826. His paternal grandparents were George and Jane (Forsyth) Forsyth, who, though of the same name, were not related by ties of blood. They were the parents of six children: George, Thomas, Jane, William, Sarah and Samuel. Of this family George Forsyth became the father of him whose name introduces this review. He was born in Ireland in 1804 and in 1812 accompanied his parents when they crossed the Atlantic and became residents of Philadelphia. He was reared, educated and married in Pennsylvania, the lady of his choice having been Miss Jane Marshall, a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania. At the age of twenty-seven years George Forsyth, Sr., removed from the Keystone state to Guernsey county, Ohio, and this was the only move he made after his marriage. He secured a farm there and continued to make it his home until he was called to his final rest when seventy-four years of age. His wife survived him and reached the age of eighty-four years. Their family numbered six children, of whom George is the eldest. His brother Samuel is deceased, while the sister, Mrs. Eleanor Wilson, is a widow, residing in Guernsey county on the farm of one hundred and sixty acres on which George Forsyth of this review was born.

It was upon that farm George Forsyth resided until he removed to Licking county in February, 1853. For fifty-six years he has lived upon the place which is still his home. He first purchased one hundred and fifty-three acres of land, most of which was covered with timber, but is now nearly all under cultivation, save for a small tract of twenty acres from which he has not cut the timber. As the years have passed he has carefully cultivated his fields, bringing the farm under a high state of development, while annually he has gathered rich crops as the result of his care and labor. He has also made a specialty of raising sheep and cattle, keeping on hand high grades of stock, and this branch of his business has proved a source of gratifying profit to him.

On the 27th of October, 1853, Mr. Forsyth was married to Miss Hannah Bay, who was born May 19, 1830, in the same neighborhood in which her husband's birth occurred. They were schoolmates and playmates in youth and their early acquaintance ripened into love and was consummated into marriage. Her parents were Archibald and Jane (Green) Bay, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Marietta, Ohio. Mr. Bay was one of a family of eight sons and one

daughter. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth have been born nine children: Ella J., the wife of H. L. Martin, of St. Albans township; Mary E., the wife of J. H. Williams, of Columbus, Ohio; John, living in Florence, Kansas; Milton, whose home is in Alexandria, Ohio; Frank, living in Cleveland, Ohio; Louis Edgar, who died in infancy; Margaret, the wife of Grant McPherson, of Newark; Ida, at home; and William, of Alexandria. Such in brief is the history of George Forsyth, one of Ohio's native sons, whose life record has been a credit to his state. Now at the age of eighty-two years he receives the honor and respect which should ever be accorded those who have advanced far on life's journey and have performed life's duties faithfully and well.

JOHN W. LAKE.

The history of representative, respected and successful business men of Licking county should include the record of John W. Lake, who, while he was still an active factor in the affairs of life, enjoyed to the full extent the confidence and respect of all who knew him. He was a native of Fauquier county, Virginia, born October 20, 1833, of the marriage of John J. Lake and Mary Casey. His parents were both natives of the Old Dominion and both died in Hampshire county, West Virginia, the death of Mr. Lake occurring in 1861, while his wife survived him for about fifteen years. He was an extensive landowner and operated his plantation with the aid of slave labor until the Emancipation Proclamation liberated his bondmen. During the war the family suffered considerably, not only from the fact that their slaves, twenty in number, were liberated, but also because their property was largely destroyed, stock and grain being taken or destroyed, while considerable injury was done to the trees and buildings. There were eight children in the family, of whom John W. Lake was the third in order of birth, but only one is now living, Mrs. Ella Baker, whose home is in Cumberland, Maryland.

In private schools of Virginia John W. Lake acquired a fair education and in the spring of 1858 came to Ohio, settling in Hanover township, where he purchased a farm. This he cultivated for a number of years and in 1878 sold that property and removed to a handsome home in Madison township. He was married in Licking county, December 2, 1856, to Miss Harriet Colvin, a daughter of George and Mary (Davis) Colvin, who were prominent citizens of the county and owned the farm in Madison township to which Mr. and Mrs. Lake removed in 1878. She was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, October 23, 1838. Her parents were both natives of Pennsylvania and became residents of Muskingum county, Ohio, in their youthful days, removing westward with their parents. They were married in Muskingum county and resided there for some years, but in the early '40s came to Licking county, settling on Hog Run, about two miles from Linnville. There they made their home until 1850, when they removed to Madison township, becoming owners of the farm which is now the property of Mrs. Lake. This place was purchased from Mr. Shaw and comprises one hundred and eighty-two acres of rich and productive land. On it stood the old pioneer log house which was Mrs. Lake's home up to the time of her marriage. Her mother died in 1844 and her father

afterward married a Mrs. Jones, of Perry county, Ohio. He was a successful farmer and an influential resident of his community, enjoying the respect and esteem of all who knew him. His early political support was given the whig party and on its dissolution he joined the ranks of the new republican party. His death occurred July 21, 1881. By his first marriage he had four children, but Mrs. Lake is the only one now living. She is a lady of superior education and culture, having for some years been a pupil in the female seminary at Zanesville, Ohio.

In 1878 Mr. and Mrs. Lake removed to the farm which she still owns. A portion of this came to her by inheritance and she and her husband became joint owners of one hundred and eighty-one acres of land bearing some of the finest improvements in Madison township. As the years passed he continued the cultivation and development of the land and made it a valuable property, equipped with all the facilities of modern farming. In addition to the home property he acquired valuable real estate in Columbus and was very successful in his business affairs, his judgment being at all times sound and reliable.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lake were born several children, but all have passed away. M. Ella, the eldest, who was born July 4, 1859, had all the advantages that wealth and social position can give and became an accomplished, amiable and refined young lady, but death claimed her on the 14th of June, 1882, when she was less than twenty-three years of age. Her loss was deeply deplored by many friends as well as her immediate family, for her many graces of character had endeared her to all who knew her. Alice I., another daughter, died April 7, 1869, at the age of four months and fourteen days, while William E., the only son, died April 3, 1876, at the age of four years, five months and twenty-seven days. The death of the husband and father occurred April 30, 1903. He had become known in the community as a citizen of genuine worth, loyal to the best interests of the county, faithful in his friendships and devoted to his family. In all of his business relations, too, he was straightforward and honorable, being never known to overreach another in any business transaction. Mrs. Lake still survives her husband and now resides in a handsome residence on East Main street in Newark, to which she removed after his death, leaving the farm in the hand of a renter. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is very active in church work, also contributing generously to its support.

JOHN H. McKINNEY.

John H. McKinney, a retired farmer, is numbered among the worthy native sons of Licking county, his birth having occurred in Newton township on the 8th of November, 1832. His parents were Joseph and Elizabeth (Hopper) McKinney, who are mentioned on another page of this volume in connection with the sketch of Josiah McKinney, a brother of our subject.

In the acquirement of an education John H. McKinney attended the public schools and remained under the parental roof until the time of his marriage, which occurred April 15, 1862. He then took up agricultural pursuits on his own account and in addition to the work of the fields made a specialty of raising hogs,



MR. AND MRS. JOHN H. McKINNEY.

both branches of his business bringing to him a gratifying annual income. When his financial resources were such that he found it no longer necessary to devote his attention to active business he retired to private life and has since made his home with his daughter, Mrs. M. R. Lock. His landed holdings now embrace two hundred and twenty-four acres of well improved and valuable land in Newton township and he is widely recognized as a substantial and public-spirited citizen of the community.

As a companion and helpmate for life's journey Mr. McKinney chose Miss Mary A. Edwards, whose birth occurred in Licking county September 25, 1836, her parents being Ira and Elizabeth Edwards. At an early day her father came from New Jersey to this county and later took up his abode in Knox county, Ohio, where he continued to reside until called to his final rest. The death of his wife, however, occurred in Licking county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McKinney were born three children: Lillie E., who taught school for five years prior to her marriage, is now the wife of M. R. Lock, of this county, and has four children, namely: William, George, Frank, and Russell. Ida A., residing in Newark, is the wife of William M. Hulshizer, by whom she had two children, Josephine and Eva. Frank G. McKinney died aged thirteen years. On the 20th of August, 1908, Mrs. McKinney passed away in the faith of the Lutheran church and was laid to rest in the Cedar Hill cemetery at Newark. Her demise was the occasion of deep regret, not only to her immediate family, but also to the many friends whom she had gained during her long residence here.

Mr. McKinney is a democrat in his political views and has served as a school director, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion. He has now passed the seventy-sixth milestone on life's journey, has been a resident of this county from his birth to the present time and has progressed with its development and growth until he now occupies a prominent place among its respected and representative citizens.

BURTON CASE.

The student of history cannot carry his investigation far into the records of Licking county without learning that the Case family has played an important part in shaping its annals for more than a century. The representatives of the name have always borne their full share in that practical labor that results in substantial advancement, and Burton Case is today numbered among the valued and worthy citizens of Granville. On a farm two miles north of Granville, in Granville township, on the 27th of July, 1851, occurred the birth of Burton Case, and there he resided until he became a resident of the village. His parents were Lucius and Mary (Rose) Case, both of whom were born on farms north of the village in Granville township. The grandfather, Grove Case, was born in Simsbury, Connecticut, January 20, 1800, and in 1808 was brought to Licking county by his parents, Major Grove and Cinderella Case, who located in Granville, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Major Case continued to reside here for a number of years and later engaged in farming, becoming well-to-do by reason of his capably conducted business interests.

He died in 1836 or 1837, at the age of fifty-six years, while his wife survived him until January, 1867, and passed away at the age of eighty-seven years. He won his title by service in the War of 1812 and was at Fort Meigs when it was besieged. In company with Silas Winchell he erected the first gristmill in Granville township and was otherwise closely identified with the development and progress of the county. In his family were four children, of whom three sons, Grove, Norton and Jarvis, were born in Connecticut, while the daughter, Lucinda, was added to the family in Granville.

Grove Case, Jr., the grandfather of Burton Case, brought to Licking county in his early boyhood, spent almost his entire life here as a farmer. He became known as the largest sheep and wool grower of the county. At the time of his death he owned about one thousand acres of land, seven hundred acres being in Licking county, while the remainder was in Iowa. In politics he was a staunch republican, giving stalwart support to the party up to the time of his death, which occurred in February, 1885. His wife survived him for only about six weeks. She bore the maiden name of Laura Carpenter and was a native of Delaware county, Ohio, born October 19, 1797. Her father was Nathan Carpenter, a captain in the Revolutionary army. The marriage was celebrated May 15, 1821, and they established their home on North street in Granville township, Mr. Case erecting the residence in which they lived for fifty-six years. In their family were five children, Lucius, Lucy, Laura and two who died in childhood.

Reared on the old home farm, Lucius Case, the father of our subject, devoted his entire life to general agricultural pursuits and died at the age of forty-three years. He was a leading farmer of this part of the state and engaged extensively in raising sheep and wool growing. He owned two or three different farms, being a dealer at various times, and in all of his business transactions he met with success. In the family were five children: Gilbert Grove, now deceased; Celia Campbell, who has also passed away; Mrs. Helen Hobart, living one mile east of the village in Granville township; Burton, of this review; and Mrs. Mary Minton, of Westfield, New York. The mother of these children, Mrs. Mary (Rose) Case, was a daughter of Captain Levi Rose, a native of Massachusetts, who married a Miss Stowe. They came to Ohio from Granville, Massachusetts, with the first colony who started out in 1805. This was their wedding journey and they located in the green woods among the pioneers who were reclaiming this district for the uses of civilization. The remainder of their days were here passed, and Mr. Rose devoted his energies to general farming. He built a cabin in the midst of the forest around a large white oak stump which served as a table for a number of years. Mr. Rose served as a captain in the War of 1812. Their family numbered fourteen children, which number included Mrs. Case, the mother of our subject. After the death of her first husband she married again and her last days were spent in the home of her daughter at Westfield, New York, where she died in June, 1906.

Burton Case remained on the farm formerly owned by his father until about 1897, when his house was burned and he then moved to his present residence in Granville. He is the owner of three hundred acres of land which is under a very high state of cultivation and returns to him a gratifying annual income.

On the 27th of December, 1876, Mr. Case was united in marriage to Miss Dora H. Howland, a native of this county and a daughter of John L. and Elma (Gosnell) Howland, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Licking county, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Case now have two daughters: Stella, the wife of Robert G. Bell, living at Queens, Long Island, New York; and Helen, at home. In community affairs Mr. Case has always been deeply and helpfully interested, and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his loyalty to public good, have several times called him to office. He is now serving for the third term as a trustee of his township and is holding over under the new law. He was elected on the republican ticket, having always been a stalwart supporter of that party. In Masonry he has taken the degrees of the lodge, chapter and commandery, and he belongs to the Baptist church. His life has at all times been honorable and upright and he is a worthy representative of a prominent pioneer family which, since early days, has been closely associated with the development, progress and upbuilding of this part of the state. The name of Case has long been an honored one here and the work instituted by his great-grandparents and carried on by his grandparents and parents, is now being continued by Burton Case, who ranks as one of the worthy and representative citizens of the community.

A. T. STANTON.

A. T. Stanton is now engaged in the hay and grain business in Utica, making extensive purchases and shipments, selling to the wholesale trade. He is well known as a reliable business man of this part of the county and moreover is entitled to representation in this volume as an honored veteran of the Civil War, having for almost four years loyally defended the interests of the Union on the battlefields of the south. He claims Pennsylvania as the state of his nativity, his birth having occurred in Johnstown in 1842. The Stantons are of English descent but the family was founded in America in early colonial days, at which time settlement was made in Pennsylvania. Mr. Stanton of this review is a distant relative on the paternal side of Betsy Ross, who made the first American flag from a design furnished by George Washington. His parents were A. V. and Mary J. (Barefoot) Stanton, who always remained residents of the Keystone state. The old home place was sold in 1907 in order to build there another dam for the protection of Johnstown in order to avoid a repetition of the disastrous and memorable flood of 1889. The death of A. V. Stanton occurred in 1874 when he was sixty-three years of age, while his widow still survives and has reached the age of eighty-seven years, her home being still in Johnstown. In their family were eleven children, the eldest son being J. F. Stanton, who served in the Civil War with the Forty-second Pennsylvania Volunteers.

A. T. Stanton was the third in order of birth and remained a resident of his native county until 1861. He was reared on the home farm and early became familiar with the duties and labors incident to the cultivation and care of the crops. He also worked in his father's gristmill and became familiar with that trade. On the 12th of August, 1861, however, he put aside all business and personal considerations in order to espouse his country's cause, enlisting from Allegheny City, now Pittsburg, as a member of Company F, Sixty-first Pennsylvania infantry. He went to the front under General Rippey, who was killed at the battle of Fair Oaks. Mr. Stanton participated in a number of important engagements, including the battles

of the Wilderness, Antietam, Gettysburg, Fair Oaks, the siege of Petersburg and the Shenandoah Valley campaign. He was altogether in thirty-two engagements, taking part in all the military movements of his regiment save one skirmish. He was honorably discharged June 29, 1865, and was mustered out on the 4th of July of that year. In the meantime his three years' term had expired and he had veteranized, continuing with his regiment at the front until the close of hostilities. He was captured in the Shenandoah Valley but the tide of war turned and he was recaptured by the Union troops. On one occasion he sustained a flesh wound inflicted by a piece of shell.

When the war was over Mr. Stanton returned to his home, but soon started out to see the country, traveling all over the United States. He worked at the barber's trade, which he had learned by shaving the boys in the army. In 1874 he located in Utica, where he opened a barber shop which he conducted for eighteen years, having a large patronage. On the expiration of that period he began dealing in hay and grain and has conducted the business to the present time, carrying on an important wholesale enterprise in buying and shipping those commodities. That he has prospered as the years have passed, his success coming as the result of his close application and unfaltering industry, is indicated not only in his business but also in the fact that he owns a good home in Utica and sixteen acres of land, which includes a fine race track and ball grounds.

In 1876 Mr. Stanton was married to Miss Hulda Sawyer, a native of this county and a daughter of Samuel and Louisa (Edgar) Sawyer, who were also born in this county. Politically Mr. Stanton has been a lifelong republican and at the present time is serving as a member of the city council. He is a leader in the street paving controversy and his labors are very effective in promoting the improvement of the streets. He believes in progress in all matters of citizenship and exercises his official prerogatives in support of every measure for the public good. He was formerly a member of the Grand Army Post but it has been abandoned and he now holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is well and favorably known in this locality and Utica finds him a valued and worthy citizen.

ANDREW J. CRILLY.

Andrew J. Crilly, superintendent of the Cedar Hill cemetery, has a most creditable official record. He has been called to various positions of public honor and trust and has ever discharged his duties capably, fearlessly and faithfully. His public service has brought him a wide acquaintance, while his sterling traits of character have enabled him to retain the friendship of those with whom he has come in contact.

Mr. Crilly is one of the county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Union township, July 10, 1848. His father, Andrew Crilly, was born in Pennsylvania and came west when the old National road was being built and aided in its construction. This was one of the first national works of public improvement of any consequence and indicated that civilization was steadily moving westward. Andrew Crilly, Sr., wedded Grace Ann Mossman, a native of Virginia, whose



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people were also employed on the construction of the National road. Thus the young people became acquainted, were married and established their home in Union township. Later, however, they removed to Jacksontown, where they spent their remaining days, the death of Mr. Crilly occurring in 1869, while his widow passed away in 1879. Both were of Irish parentage.

Andrew J. Crilly mastered the branches of learning taught in the country schools and afterward followed the profession of teaching for twelve years in the winter months, while in the summer seasons he was engaged in farm labor and in other pursuits. In 1883 he came to Newark to accept the position of deputy sheriff under George W. Hall and thus served for four years and four months. On the resignation of J. M. Brown, who was then sheriff, Mr. Crilly was appointed to fill the vacancy and at the following election was chosen by popular suffrage and by reelection was continued in the sheriff's office for ten years. He was ever fearless in the discharge of his duties and his labors were effective in quelling crime and lawlessness in this part of the state. At length he retired from office as he had entered it—with the confidence and good will of all concerned—and turned his attention to the insurance and real-estate business, in which he continued for two years. On the expiration of that period he was elected justice of the peace and served for two terms, discharging his duties with promptness and impartiality. In 1903 he was elected the first mayor of Newark under the new code and served for two years and eight months. On the 1st of January, 1908, he was appointed superintendent of the Cedar Hill cemetery and so continues to the present time.

On the 5th of December, 1879, occurred the marriage of Mr. Crilly and Miss Mary E. Moore, a native of Franklin township, Licking county, and a daughter of Jacob and Susanna Moore. By this union there are six children, namely: Etta M., who is engaged in teaching school in Michigan; Clyde G.; Mrs. Maud Danner; Bertha L., a student in Granville College; Florence; and Emmett.

For thirty-seven years Mr. Crilly has been an exemplary member of the Masonic fraternity, loyal to the teachings of the craft, and is now a past master of Hebron Lodge, No. 116, A. F. & A. M. He also belongs to Williams Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Mount Olive Encampment. He is also affiliated with Newark Lodge, No. 13, K. P., and is a member of the uniformed rank. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church and he is esteemed throughout the community as one whose many sterling traits of character have gained him the warm and lasting friendship of those with whom he has come in contact. He has made an excellent record in office and patriotism and loyalty might well be termed the keynote of his character, for in public service he has always placed the general good before partisanship or self-aggrandizement.

DAVID LAYMAN.

David Layman, who is numbered among the successful agriculturists of Washington township, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, September 10, 1846, his parents being Abraham and Elizabeth (Keller) Layman, the former a native of Rockingham county, Virginia, and the latter of Washington county, Pennsylvania. Abraham

Layman came to Ohio in an early day and in 1856 took up his abode in Licking county, while his demise occurred in 1865. Unto him and his wife were born eight children, namely: Benjamin, Mary, Daniel and William D., all of whom are deceased; one who died in infancy; David, of this review; Charles W., who has also passed away; and Emily, the widow of B. Vanwey.

David Layman obtained a common school education and remained under the parental roof until he had attained the age of twenty-three years. He was then married, in 1869, to Miss Amy Smith, whose birth occurred in Orange county, New York, October 24, 1844. Her parents, whose family numbered eight children, are both deceased. Unto our subject and his wife were born nine children, as follows: Edward, Delia May and Frederick N., all of whom have passed away; Nellie B., the wife of E. L. Burkholder, of Licking county; Clyde, who is likewise deceased; Eva B., the wife of Emmett Davis, of Licking county; William Earl, deceased; and Charles R. and James A., both at home. The wife and mother was called to her final rest on the 3d of October, 1908, her remains being interred in the Eden cemetery. Her loss came as a great blow to her husband and children and was also deeply mourned by many friends.

Subsequent to his marriage Mr. Layman engaged in the operation of a rented farm for one year and then purchased his present place of one hundred and thirty-two acres in Washington township, Licking county, in the cultivation of which he has since been successfully engaged. He follows modern and progressive methods in the conduct of his farming interests and has long been numbered among the well-known and representative agriculturists of the community.

Mr. Layman gives his political allegiance to the men and measures of the democracy and has served his fellow townsmen in the office of school director. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church, with which his wife was also identified. A man of genial and kindly disposition, as well as upright and honorable in character, he has won the confidence and respect of all with whom he has been associated during the many years of his residence in Licking county.

THOMAS PATTON.

Thomas Patton, operating the old homestead farm, upon which he was born and where his entire life has been spent, is one of the substantial and highly esteemed residents of Licking county. He was born January 14, 1843, in Licking county, a son of Joseph and Jane (Lusk) Patton, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Fairfield county, Ohio. The father came to the United States in early manhood, locating in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged for some years in a weaving factory. During this time he carefully saved his earnings and later came to Licking county, where he purchased one hundred acres of timber land. Clearing away the timber, he began the difficult and arduous task of converting the land into productive harvest fields. For several years after taking up his abode here he lived in a log cabin and with untiring zeal and undaunted energy he bent all of his efforts to the improvement of his property, nor were his labors in vain, for

he soon found himself upon the highway to prosperity. As the years passed and his good fortune continued, he added to his original purchase until his holdings approximated between six and seven hundred acres of land that yielded him an abundant harvest. In politics he was, in early manhood, a democrat, but later adopted the platform of the republican party and for the remainder of his life continued a stalwart and loyal advocate of its principles. His religious faith was indicated in his membership in the Reform Presbyterian church. His death occurred December, 1875, when he had reached the ripe old age of eighty-one years.

Thomas Patton, remaining under his parents' roof, received his education in the common schools of Licking county and, reared to farm life, he soon became familiar with the duties that fall to the lot of the farmer's son. From early manhood, in conjunction with his two brothers, Clement and Samuel, both of whom are now deceased, he assisted his father in the conduct of his agricultural interests up to the time of the latter's death. At that time Mr. Patton came into possession of the old homestead and one hundred and eighty-five acres of land and has since continued to make it his home, carrying on the work of general development and improvement until today he is one of the substantial agriculturists of the county.

In 1879 occurred the marriage of Mr. Patton and Miss Sarah E. Larimore, a daughter of Thomas Larimore of this township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Patton have been born three children, namely: Reese L., at home; Clifford C., also at home; and Hazel Ruth, now the wife of Guy L. Shrider, who is employed in the gas fields of this county. Mr. Patton is a member of the Presbyterian church, of which he is an elder, and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is not an office seeker in the true sense of the word, and the only official position that he has held is that of member of the board of trustees of the township, in which capacity he is now serving. Having passed his entire life in the place of his nativity, he has become very well known throughout the community and enjoys the high regard and esteem of his fellow men, who recognize his genuine worth and sterling qualities, while he is popular with a host of warm friends.

F. B. KELLER.

F. B. Keller, whose birth occurred in Newark township, Licking county, Ohio, on the 9th of January, 1860, is engaged in the operation of a valuable and well improved farm of seventy-five acres in this township. His grandfather, Jacob Keller, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, January 7, 1786, made the journey to Fairfield county, Ohio, crossing the mountains on foot. He soon returned to the Keystone state, however, and after residing there for a period he once more came to this state and entered a tract of land. The year 1833 witnessed his arrival in Licking county, at which time he purchased the farm on which our subject now lives, taking up his abode in a log cabin without a floor. Later he erected a log cabin and lived in the same for a short time. When he was called to his final rest on the 21st of October, 1870, the county mourned the loss of one of its respected and honored pioneers and one whose labors had contributed in substantial measure to the early development of this part of the state. His wife, who was born in Fairfield county,

Ohio, on the 12th of May, 1792, passed away February 27, 1876. Jacob H. Keller, the father of F. B. Keller, was born in Licking county, Ohio, February 3, 1828, and was called to the home beyond on the 23rd of February, 1886. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Layman and whose birth occurred in Fairfield county, Ohio, May 29, 1837, died January 28, 1883.

F. B. Keller remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority and then operated the home farm for one season. Subsequently he spent one year in Denison University at Granville, Ohio, and also attended the Northwestern University at Ada, Ohio. He afterward took up the profession of teaching and was thus engaged for two years in Licking county, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge he had acquired. Having been made administrator of his father's estate, he returned to the home farm and once more became connected with the pursuits of agricultural life. He now owns seventy-five acres of the homestead and has placed many substantial improvements thereon, including an excellent ten-room dwelling and all necessary outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. In the cultivation of the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he is meeting with gratifying success, following only the most practical and modern methods in carrying on his work.

On the 3d of June, 1896, Mr. Keller was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Evans, who was born in Newark township, Licking county, July 16, 1869, her parents being Thomas and Sarah J. (Walters) Evans. The father, a native of Wales, was born in 1837 and passed away on the 24th of May, 1907. The mother's birth occurred in Newark. Mrs. Keller was one of a family of thirteen children and by her marriage has become the mother of five, namely: Verna Elizabeth, born October 12, 1897; Sarah F., January 13, 1899; Edith Viola, whose natal day was May 25, 1901; Luther Franklin, who was born October 4, 1902; and Willis R., who first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 20th of June, 1906.

At the polls Mr. Keller gives his support to the men and measures of the democracy but has no desire for the honors or emoluments of office. Both he and his wife support the Presbyterian church and are widely and favorably known throughout the county of their nativity. He is a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family of the state and is familiar with the development and improvement that has been carried on in this county through almost five decades.

DAVID L. EVANS.

Farm work is the source of the substantial income which David L. Evans enjoys. Throughout his entire life he has been identified with agricultural pursuits and for over forty-seven years has lived on the farm in Granville township which he yet occupies. He was born in this township September 30, 1831, and is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Thomas) Evans, both of whom spent their entire lives on farms in this county. The former was a son of Joseph Evans, a native of Wales, and one of the early residents of this part of Ohio. The maternal grandfather of our subject was known as "Little" David Thomas, to designate him from another David Thomas, also a native of Wales and a resident of the same locality. Thomas



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Evans in early life learned and followed the stonemason's trade and afterward turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits and was at one time the owner of four hundred acres of land here. His success came to him as the direct result of his enterprise and labor. He was a deacon of the Baptist church and a man much respected in the community where he made his home. Unto him and his wife were born six children: David L.; Elias and Christmas, both deceased; George, of Granville; Isaac, a practicing physician of Columbus; and Cyrus, also of Granville.

David L. Evans has spent his entire life in this county and no event of especial importance occurred to vary the routine of farm work for him in his youthful days. He attended the schools of the neighborhood and when not busy with his text-books was employed at the task of plowing, planting and harvesting. When he reached adult age he resolved to follow the same pursuit, and is now the owner of a farm of seventy-three acres all in one body, although twenty-five acres lie across the boundary line in McKean township. He has lived upon this farm for over forty-seven years and its attractive appearance indicates his careful supervision and progressive methods. His life has been of untiring activity and energy and whatever success he has attained is due entirely to his own labors.

In 1853 Mr. Evans was married to Miss Aradna Davis, who was born in Granville township April 10, 1835, and is a daughter of David and Isabella (Williams) Davis, who were natives of South Wales. The mother died here in January, 1881, at the age of sixty-four years. She had come to Licking county with her parents, William and Isabella (Pugh) Williams, who settled on the Welsh Hills and spent their remaining days here. David Davis arrived in Licking county about 1814, coming from South Wales. He had lost his father in youth and came alone to the new world, making his way direct to Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his days. He was a tailor and followed that trade in Newark in early manhood, but afterward removed to a farm at Welsh Hills, where his death occurred. He left two daughters and two sons: Mrs. Hannah Price, now deceased; Mrs. Evans; William, who has also passed away; and Samuel. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Evans have been born four children: Eliza Jane, now the widow of Simeon Hankison of Granville township; William, at home; Thomas, of the same township; and Gertrude, the wife of Benjamin Jones, residing with her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans are members of the Welsh Baptist church of which he is serving as a trustee. He is interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the community along moral and other lines of improvement and the influence of his life has always been on the side of justice, truth and right. Greatly respected in the community, he well deserves mention among its representative citizens.

NICHOLAS C. BROWN.

Nicholas C. Brown, a life-long resident of Union township, this county, where he is widely known as a pension attorney and substantial agriculturist, was born here January 21, 1843, and descends from a family the members of which date their history far back in the annals of the country, his great-great-grandfather,

William Brown, having come to America with Lord Baltimore and settled in Frederick county, Maryland, where he reared a number of children, among whom was Edward, who had a son Nicholas, who served during the Revolutionary war and was present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, and who also was a commissioned captain in the war of 1812 and had command of a company from Kentucky. Among the children born to Nicholas Brown was Asa, father of the subject of this review, his birth having occurred in Madison county, Kentucky, June 4, 1801. When twelve years of age he removed with his parents to Fairfield county, this state, settling on the south bank of Buckeye lake, where he spent a few years, when his father sold and moved to Harrison township, Licking county. Asa Brown was educated in the subscription schools and by private study. He first taught a subscription school in Missouri; then returned to Licking county, and after two years went again to Missouri for a few months, after which he came back to Licking county and was married. He then bought a farm in Perry county, Ohio, and lived there two years, when he sold. In 1832 he came to what is known as the old Asa Brown farm on the west side of Union township, Licking county, containing two hundred and fifty acres, and here he lived until his death.

Aside from pursuing agriculture Asa Brown was also prominent in church work, serving as a Methodist exhorter in the many churches scattered throughout the county, and among other good works accredited to him was the emancipation of a family of slaves, consisting of a man and wife and their two children. Being a man of earnest Christian zeal, he was for many years a leading factor in the county in establishing churches and reviving moral and spiritual life. He was united in marriage to Hannah Comly, who was born in Circleville, Ohio, May 18, 1807, a daughter of James Comly, who laid out the city of Lexington, Perry county, Ohio. Her grandfather was David Comly, of Mount Pleasant, Jefferson county, this state, and her great-grandfather James Comly, who came to America with William Penn and settled in Philadelphia. To Asa and Hannah Brown were born ten children, five of whom survive, namely: James C., a resident of Outville; Joshua M., who lives in Hebron; Eliza Emeline, wife of Captain A. N. Wells, of Johnstown, this county; Sarah C., widow of Luther Wood, of Johnstown, this county; and Nicholas C. Both parents died on the old home farm, the father passing away July 27, 1883.

On his father's farm Nicholas C. Brown was reared, learning the art of husbandry during the summer months of his boyhood days and in the winter season attending the neighboring schools, where he acquired his early education. During four years of this time he attended at intervals the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio. He was in the sophomore year in the Ohio Wesleyan University and reading law while the Civil war was in progress, and he answered the call to arms in the spring of 1864, when he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, from this county, and was taken prisoner at North Mountain, Virginia, on July 3 of the same year, and held for several months, being confined most of the time in Andersonville. The battle of North Mountain was the only one in which he had engaged, and he was paroled at Savannah, Georgia, November 24, 1864, and taken to Annapolis until physically able to come home, his prison experience having brought his weight, which was originally two hundred and twelve pounds, down to ninety-seven pounds. After the war his eyesight had been so affected as a result of his prison life that he was

unable to resume his studies, so that he returned to the farm, where in the course of time he regained his health and weight. Remaining on the home farm until 1870, he then purchased the farm he now cultivates and which embraces one hundred and twenty-six acres of land, which at the time Mr. Brown settled upon it was all forest with the exception of nine acres, but by hard work and perseverance he soon cleared off the land, making it arable, and has since erected an elegant dwelling and other buildings and secured the conveniences necessary to facilitate the occupation of farming. He purchased this tract of land from his father-in-law and selected the highest point on the premises upon which to erect his home. Choosing a knoll which was thickly overgrown with large trees, he cut away a sufficient number to enable him to erect his residence, leaving the remainder, which afford protection from the wintry winds and during the summer season offer pleasant shade. While Mr. Brown engages in stock raising and the production of various crops, he makes a specialty of wheat, raising as fine a quality of that cereal as is derived from the soil of this region. In connection with attending to the duties of his farm, Mr. Brown taught school from the fall of 1860 until the spring of 1893, barring the time spent in military service, and for thirty-three years has regularly served during the winter months as a preceptor of the township school of his district.

On November 26, 1868, Mr. Brown wedded Rachel E. Park, a native of this township, where she was born August 1, 1846. She lost her life by being struck by a car while crossing the railroad tracks near home on September 11, 1908. She was a daughter of Asa and Eleanor (Belt) Park, natives of this township, who spent their entire lives here, their parents having been among the early settlers. To Mr. and Mrs. Brown were born: James P., a foreman in the railroad shops at Columbus, Ohio; Asa H., who departed this life in 1898, leaving his widow, who was Jessie Laramore, and one child, Bernice Irene; Nicholas C., Jr., an agriculturist of this place, who is also in the employ of the Columbus Natural Gas Company; Arthur E., professor of English history and literature in the William Penn Charter School, of Philadelphia; Katie M., wife of Presley C. Grove, of Union township; Rachel E., wife of Carl Foster, living on the farm with her father; Emma G., who became the wife of Dr. Frederick B. Laramore, M. D., of Port Washington, Ohio; and Frederick C. and Linnie E., who departed this life in childhood.

Mr. Brown has been a lifelong supporter of the republican party, the principles of which he has thoroughly studied, and, deeming them the embodiment of the wisdom of the highest statesmanship, he has always endeavored by his vote and influence to place the candidates who stand for them in office. He cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, but did not have the opportunity of voting for him the second time, since during his candidacy he was a prisoner of war at Milan Junction. In local affairs he has always been quite prominent and in the fall of 1894 was elected a director of the county infirmary, being the first republican candidate elected to fill the duties of that position in this county. He belongs to William Lodge, No. 363, I. O. O. F., meeting in Hebron, and of the Star Encampment. He is also a member of Lemert Post, No. 71, G. A. R., of Newark, and is a thirty-second degree Mason. He belongs to Hebron Lodge, No. 116, of that order, to the chapter and council meeting at Newark, and also to Mount Vernon Commandery, No. 1, meeting in Columbus. Mr. Brown has been as faithful to

his religious obligations as to other interests in life and for the past fifty years has held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Granville, with which he united when sixteen years of age and in which he has since been an active worker. Mrs. Brown was also a member of this church. He is well known throughout the county for his integrity, and his life being in every respect harmonious with a high standard of morals, he has always merited the confidence and respect of his neighbors and is accounted among the worthy citizens of the township.

MOREY C. HENTHORN.

Morey C. Henthorn, who devotes his time to agricultural pursuits in Alexandria, St. Albans township, was born in Newark, Ohio, November 9, 1854, a son of John and Olive Martissa (Brooks) Henthorn, and a grandson of John and Nancy Jane (Garverson) Henthorn. The latter attained the ripe age of ninety-six years. His father was born in Indiana in 1814 and in his boyhood was brought by his parents to Newark, where he lived until 1855. He then engaged in farming and upon the death of his wife, made his home with his son, Morey C., in St. Albans township, where he departed this life September 1, 1890. He was an active democrat, and a member of the Christian church. His wife was a native of McKean township, where she passed away in 1887, at the age of fifty-four years. Her father was Martin Brooks, one of the early settlers of that place. John and Olive Henthorn had the following children: Albert, of Newark; Lucy M., wife of Samuel Watson, of Newark; Mrs. Nancy Jane Jones, deceased; Mrs. Mary E. McLean, deceased; Morey C.; Frank M., who was killed by a falling tree in 1882; Frederick B., a wealthy farmer of South Dakota; Mrs. Clara A. Cooley, deceased; Mrs. Emma J. Halter, of Florence, Wisconsin; and Ina A., who departed this life when fourteen years of age.

When but a year old Morey C. Henthorn was taken by his parents to McKean township, where he received his education in the district schools. He there remained until he was twenty years of age. At the age of seventeen years he began working as a farm hand and was thus employed for six years. After his marriage in 1879 he rented a farm in Hartford township, where he remained for nine years and then followed farming in Jersey township for three years, at the expiration of which time he located on the tract of land he now has under cultivation and which he bought in 1902. The farm consists of one hundred and eighty-five acres of arable land, located on the Jersey road, less than a mile southwest of Alexandria, and is equipped with all of the necessary buildings and machinery for prosecuting farm work. Aside from raising crops of various kinds he also engaged to some extent in stock-raising.

On May 29, 1879, Mr. Henthorn was united in marriage to Anna Watson, who was born in Queens county, Ireland, January 16, 1856, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Crampton) Watson, who emigrated to the new world, where they departed this life. Their daughter was left in the care of relatives and came in 1871 to Newark. She was one of six children, the others being Bessie, Joyce and Michael, all of whom are deceased; and Samuel and John. Mr. and Mrs. Hen-



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thorn have six children. Mary E., born March 3, 1881, is the wife of Rev. W. V. Harter, a United Brethren clergyman, of Guysville, Ohio, and they have three children: Velma, Paul and Harold. Francis W., born February 23, 1883, died November 30, 1890; Earl J., born January 28, 1885, is a farmer of St. Albans township and wedded Cora Miller, by whom he has one son Kenneth. Ernest, born February 15, 1886, is a resident of Columbus, Ohio. Bessie Olive died in infancy. Clarence Ray, the youngest, was born July 28, 1891.

Mr. Henthorn belongs to the Baptist church of Alexandria and is a member of its board of trustees. Being strongly opposed to the liquor traffic, he is an ardent devotee of the temperance movement and, believing that the evil of intemperance in this country should be abolished and that the only means to effect its abolition is through politics, he always votes on that side of the question. In addition to being a member of the Knights of Pythias, he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and in both orders has served in all of the chairs. Mr. Henthorn is an industrious and persevering man, whose labors have brought him prosperity and his excellent qualities have won him uniform respect.

THOMAS F. HILLBRANT.

Thomas F. Hillbrant, who has played an active part in developing the farming interests of Union township, this county, and whose ancestors were also pioneers of this section of the state, was born on the farm he now has under cultivation, April 20, 1854. His paternal grandfather, Henry, who was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, in 1762, came here at a time when there were but two or three families in this part of the township and settled near the present home of his grandson, where he spent the remainder of his life, passing away in his ninety-fourth year. He took up a claim covering something over sixteen hundred acres of woodland, a portion of which he cleared and put under cultivation. In his family were six sons and four daughters, some of whom were born in Virginia, and a number of whom were united in marriage and reared families, among them having been Aaron Hillbrant, whose birth occurred here on October 7, 1808, where he spent his entire life in the pursuit of agriculture, entering into rest November 3, 1879. He was an extensive land owner, having possessed five hundred acres in this township, together with one farm in Illinois, his first purchase here having been one hundred acres of timber land which he cleared off and put under cultivation and provided with substantial buildings. Before owning the farm for five years he was employed on the Ohio canal, receiving seven dollars a month for the first three years; eight dollars per month for the fourth year; and nine dollars a month for the fifth year. Giving up this occupation he commenced farming and was so successful in tilling the soil as to have been able not only to increase his acreages ten times over his original purchase, but also to amass considerable means. He wedded Isabella Huddleston, a native of Hampshire county, Virginia (now West Virginia), in November, 1811, a daughter of Henry and Mary Huddleston, who were early settlers of this place, and to this union were born eleven children, four of whom survive, namely: Lucy, who became the wife of George C. Wilcox, the couple living in

Kansas; Henry, a resident of Granville township; Aaron Park, who resides here; and Thomas F. His wife having passed away in 1864, Mr. Hillbrant was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary Kagy Walton, by whom he had one son, W. H., who resides in Kansas.

Thomas F. Hillbrant's entire life has been spent upon the farm here, where during his boyhood days under the instruction of his father he became familiar with the various phases of agriculture, taking advantage of the district schools during the winter terms to obtain an education, and after completing his studies remained upon the home place where he has since been engaged in general agriculture and stock raising. His farm embraces two hundred acres of land which has had the attention of years of cultivation and care, and Mr. Hillbrant being a man who conducts farming upon modern principles has made sufficient study of the soil to conserve its productive properties, and by attention to the rotation and adaptation of crops, from year to year he has been able to derive from his land excellent crops of the finest quality. His farm is provided with a comfortable dwelling house, barn, and outbuildings, all modern and substantial, and in fact on the premises may be found every convenience with which to pursue the occupation and conduct it on a paying basis.

On April 18, 1882, Mr. Hillbrant wedded Ella E. Walton, a native of this township, born June 23, 1858, and a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Kagy) Walton, and to this union have been born three children: Josephine C., who became the wife of Walter Norris, a resident of this place; James W., a resident of Spokane, Washington, where he attends the high school; and Philip Clayton, who lives with his parents. Mr. Hillbrant's political affiliations have always been with the democratic party, because he believes in the wisdom of its principles, considering the policies they set forth as necessary to maintain the institutions of the land in their original freedom, and also to so distribute the wealth of the nation as to bring prosperity within the reach of all in the industrial and commercial worlds. While he is not an active politician, he keeps well informed with respect to the affairs of the nation, taking a deep interest in all public questions, and during campaigns his influence is strongly felt in his endeavor to secure the election of the candidates of his party. He is favorably known throughout the township, and being a man who observes honesty and straightforwardness in his transactions, he deserves the confidence of his neighbors and stands high among the citizens of the township.

JAMES T. OSBORN.

Surmounting the difficulties which beset him in early life, James T. Osborn has gradually worked his way upward until today he is in possession of a well improved farm property comprising forty-two acres in Madison township, on which he has made his home since 1902. He was born in Franklin township, Licking county, August 19, 1849, a son of Richard and Mary (Humphrey) Osborn, both of whom were natives of Loudoun county, Virginia. They were married in Muskingum county, Ohio, and soon afterward came to Licking county, establishing their home in Franklin township. In 1849, however, they took up their abode in Madison township, while in 1874 the father removed to Newton township and

there spent his remaining days, his death occurring in May, 1875, when he was sixty-three years of age. The mother, however, died during their residence in Madison township, her death occurring September 24, 1868, when she was fifty-eight years of age. The father was a democrat in political views and affiliations and was a man highly respected in the various communities in which he lived.

James T. Osborn was reared in much the usual manner of farm lads, his time during the spring and summer months being given to work on the home farm, while in the winter season he pursued his education in the public schools. He continued to assist his father in the operation of the homestead property until 1874, when he and his brother Landon, who is now deceased, rented the home farm, which they operated until 1882. Mr. Osborn then operated for one year the farm now owned by Curtis Neibarger, after which he took up his abode on the farm which he now owns but which he then rented. After four years, in 1887, he removed to the farm which is now owned by Mrs. Wilson, but in 1902, having carefully saved his earnings, he felt justified in making purchase of the property he now owns and to which he removed in 1902. This tract comprises forty-two acres and is located in Madison township. Mr. Osborn has placed the land under a high state of cultivation and each year harvests abundant crops as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon the fields. In all his business affairs he follows only the most honorable and straightforward methods and the success which he has achieved is richly deserved.

Mr. Osborn has been married twice. He was first married in December, 1874, to Miss Elizabeth McKinney, a daughter of Samuel B. McKinney, of Madison township. This union was blessed with one daughter, Helen M., now the wife of George Anderson, a resident of Madison township. The wife and mother departed this life in June, 1900, and in October, 1904, Mr. Osborn was again married, his second union being with Eliza Cochran, of Newark, Ohio.

Active and interested in the political situation of the country, Mr. Osborn gives stalwart support to the republican party and is now serving his second term as trustee of Madison township. Mr. Osborn is well qualified to fill the office to the satisfaction of the people, as was demonstrated in his re-election for a second term. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a trustee. His success is the result of his own energy, labor and perseverance, directed by an evenly balanced mind and by honorable business principles, so today he finds a place among the substantial agriculturists of Madison township and Licking county.

JOSEPH W. HORNER.

Joseph W. Horner is actively connected with the profession which has important bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of any section or community, and one which has long been considered as conserving public welfare by furthering the ends of justice and maintaining individual rights. He has been identified with the interests of Licking county since 1900, and since 1903 has practiced at the bar here, being now junior partner of the firm of Russell & Horner, who are recognized as leading attorneys with a large and important clientage.

Mr. Horner was born at Frazeyburg, Muskingum county, Ohio, May 22, 1871, his parents being John and Margaret (Riley) Horner, who were also natives of that county. The father was a farmer by occupation and thus provided for the support of his family, but at the time of the Civil war he put aside all business and personal considerations, joining the army as a member of Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

Joseph W. Horner pursued his education in the Ohio Northern University at Ada, completing a course in the literary department in 1899, when the degree of B. M. was conferred upon him. In 1902 he was graduated from the law department of the same college and the following year was admitted to the bar. In the meantime, however, he resorted to the profession of teaching that he might be enabled to prepare for the practice of law. In 1900 he came to Licking county and was superintendent of schools at St. Louisville for two years. He had previously taught school for eight years, spending two terms in a country school and four years at Roscoe, Coshocton county, Ohio. In 1903 he began the practice of law in Newark, where he has since followed his profession with gratifying success. He is now a member of the firm of Russell & Horner, in which connection he is engaged in general practice. He has secured an extensive clientele that is connecting him with much important litigation tried in the courts of his district, and has directed his ability and efforts so as to gain recognition as one of the representative lawyers of the Newark bar. The success he has gained has come as the direct result of his efforts and methods. The possession of advantages is no guarantee whatever of professional success. This comes not of itself nor can it be secured without integrity, ability and industry. These qualities Mr. Horner possesses in an eminent degree and, moreover, he is faithful to every interest committed to his charge. At present he is a candidate for prosecuting attorney on the republican ticket. In 1906 he was elected a member of the board of review and is still incumbent in that office. He is well known in musical and social circles, belonging to the Masonic fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen Camp. He is also a member of the Aeolian male quartette, in which he sings first tenor, this being recognized as one of the best musical organizations in this section of the state. His talents in this direction, as well as his social qualities, make him a favorite in social circles, so throughout Newark and Licking county he has many warm friends.

ISRAEL REES.

Israel Rees, who descends from a well known Welsh family, is now living a retired life in Hebron, although for many years he engaged in farming and stock-raising. He was born in Union township, January 7, 1835, his grandfather, Theophilus Rees, in company with Thomas Phillips, both of whom were men of means, having come from Carmarthenshire, South Wales, to the new world, sailing on the ship *Amphion*, April 1, 1795, and arriving in the United States nine weeks later, bringing with them a number of their neighbors who promised to reimburse them for paying their fare as soon as they earned the money in America. They located in Big Valley, Chester county, Pennsylvania, where there was a Welsh



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settlement, but they remained there only a short time when they repaired to Beulah, Cambria county, Pennsylvania. There Messrs. Rees and Phillips remained until 1801, when they purchased two thousand acres of land from Sampson Davis, a Welshman of Philadelphia, in what is now the northeast quarter of Granville township, this county, and during the same year Mr. Rees sent his son John to erect a cabin on the property and to clear a portion of it for cultivation, so that the members of the family should be able to sustain themselves upon their arrival, and the following year they settled upon their purchase, which was known as the Welsh Hills. Of this colony Theophilus Rees was the founder and promoter. He was a scholar and a man of acknowledged integrity, whose labors were of great benefit to his countrymen. After the coming of the Granville colony in 1805 he, having a knowledge of the English language, worshiped in the church established by the colony until the organization of the Welsh Hills church in 1808.

Among the children of Theophilus Rees were Martha, Elizabeth, Theophilus, Samuel, Mary and John, all of whom were born in South Wales. John Rees, who was the father of our subject, wedded Barbara Roads, and they had the following children: Katherine and Theophilus, deceased; Elizabeth, who became the wife of James Black, of this township; John, a resident of Kansas; Mary, deceased wife of William Cunningham, deceased; Israel; Jane, deceased; and Maud, who became the wife of Calvin Grove, but both are deceased. Their father's birth occurred December 7, 1785, and he departed this life in September, 1842, while his wife passed away in December, 1846. He was a soldier in the war of 1812 and was taken prisoner under General Hull.

Israel Rees spent his early life in this county, where he acquired his education in the district schools, and when thirteen years of age went away, remaining for five years, at the termination of which period he returned, locating in Union township where he engaged in general farming, making a specialty of sheep-raising and wool-growing until the year 1904, when he went to Hebron, where he built an elegant home in which he is now residing in retirement. He owns a two hundred acre farm and another containing two hundred and forty-five acres in Union township, both of which are highly improved and under cultivation. Mr. Rees has given every attention necessary to make the property desirable and his farms are among the finest in the county.

On November 15, 1857, Mr. Rees wedded Elizabeth Stoolfire, a native of the Keystone state, born July 10, 1836, and a daughter of Jacob and Isabel (Rodgers) Stoolfire. To this union were born five children. Stanley, the eldest, now deceased, wedded Augusta Friend, daughter of Charles and Alcinda (Mills) Friend, and had one son, Leroy Tenney, who is teller for the Newark Trust Company; Frederick Waldo passed away in infancy; Clara resides at home; Sherman, residing on the old home place, wedded Mabel Moore, a daughter of J. W. and Margaret Somerville Moore, and they have two children, Barbara Kathryn and Ellis Moore; Leonard, who is a machinist for the Panhandle Railroad Company, resides in Logansport, Indiana. Mrs. Rees departed this life February 17, 1898, and on September 24, 1903, Mr. Rees wedded Lorena Stoolfire, also a daughter of Jacob and Isabel (Rodgers) Stoolfire, her father having come here from Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1836, her mother also having been a native of that

state, both of whom settled in Union township. Mr. Rees and his children, and one grandchild, Leroy Tenney Rees, were born in the old brick house which belonged to his mother and which had been erected at an early date on the home place. Mr. Rees has always been a staunch supporter of the republican party, being an able advocate of its principles, and since casting his first vote he has always been loyal to its candidates and used his influence in securing their election. He is not affiliated with any societies or fraternal organizations, his business affairs having always demanded his undivided attention, but being a man who considers his religious obligations of the highest import he has always been prominent in Christian work and is affiliated with that body of people known as the Disciples of Christ, because he believes in the restoration of primitive Christianity and is convinced that the church to which he belongs is working to that end. His long life has been one of uprightness, his industry and enterprise having not only contributed to his own prosperity but also to that of the community, and he is favorably known as one of the townships most worthy characters and representative citizens.

THEODORE G. BAKER.

In a history of Licking county it is imperative that mention be made of Theodore G. Baker and the family which he represents. Although now living retired, he was for many years closely, actively and successfully associated with agricultural interests and wool growing, his carefully directed labors bringing to him the gratifying measure of success which now enables him to enjoy the comforts and luxuries of life without recourse to further labor. He was born on a farm a mile south of Granville, September 10, 1844, a son of Colonel D. M. and Lydia B. (Gaylord) Baker. The paternal grandfather, Captain Daniel Baker, was born in Enfield, Connecticut, October 8, 1763, and won his title by service as a commander of a military company in his native state. In early life he learned the trade of a carpenter and joiner and followed that pursuit for some time. On the 2d of April, 1778, he married Jerusha Parsons, who was born in Enfield, April 7, 1767, and they became parents of four children: Jerusha, born August 6, 1789; Fanny, who was born May 1, 1792; Sophia, who was born December 13, 1793, and died December 14, 1862; and Daniel M., born February 23, 1805. In the year 1806 Captain Baker made the trip westward on horseback, fording the streams, for there were no bridges at that time. He joined the Massachusetts colony which had located here the previous year and soon afterward invested in four hundred acres of land in Granville township, which he began to cultivate and improve. In 1810 he brought his family and thereafter was closely associated with the substantial development and improvement of the county. He was the original owner of the University Hill, and cleared off the land now occupied by the Upper Seminary buildings. He was prominent in community affairs, served as justice of the peace for several years, and was also township trustee and postmaster. About 1820 he erected a frame dwelling, a mile and a half southwest of Granville, afterward the residence of his son and grandson. Upon that farm he passed away December 19, 1836, while his wife died October 19, 1846. They were both consistent and faithful

members of the Baptist church, and Captain Baker was regarded as a prominent and influential citizen of the community, his labors constituting an important feature in the growth and progress of this part of the state. His oldest daughter, Jerusha, taught the first school in St. Albans township and for many years followed that profession. She died March 1, 1848.

The youngest of the family, Colonel Daniel M. Baker, was born in Massachusetts, February 23, 1805, and he was therefore five years of age when, in 1810, he accompanied his parents to Licking county, where his remaining years were passed, his death occurring September 24, 1883. When the family reached their destination they unloaded their household goods on the present site of the Congregational church. At that time there were only two frame buildings in the village of Granville. Here, amid the wild scenes and environments of pioneer life, in a district where there were few advantages but much hard labor, Colonel Baker was reared. When fourteen years of age he became a drummer in a military company and at sixteen joined the company as a private, being promoted through various ranks until he became captain, and at the age of eighteen was placed upon the staff of General Jonathan Taylor, where he remained for three years. At the time of the Wolverine difficulty Mr. Baker was made colonel of the Second Regiment, Fourth Brigade, Ohio Volunteer Militia. Throughout his business career he was occupied with farming and sheep raising and became a prominent representative of these lines. On the 29th of November, 1829, he married Lydia Gaylord, a daughter of Theodore and Dorothy (Benham) Gaylord, by whom he had three sons and seven daughters. The mother of our subject was born in Vermont, December 26, 1806, and died in this county December 23, 1853, at the age of forty-seven years. By her marriage she had the following children: Dorothy, who was born September 21, 1827, died May 2, 1832; Almena, born September 22, 1828, died in May, 1881; Lorenzo, who was born November 4, 1830, died August 24, 1851; Dorothy, born September 15, 1832, died in 1903; Anna, born March 14, 1835; Parsons W., born November 23, 1836, died in 1864; Lydia, born March 19, 1839; Martha, born May 29, 1841, died in 1905; Ellen A., who was born December 3, 1842, died November 19, 1848; and Theodore, born September 10, 1844. After the death of his first wife Colonel Baker married Mrs. Charlotte R. Morrison on November 24, 1855. She was a daughter of Colonel Prescott and Lydia Varnum, of Dracut, Massachusetts, and was one of a family of nineteen children. Unto this marriage was born a daughter, Mary J., on the 3d of May, 1857. Colonel Baker was a member of the Granville Presbyterian church and was president of the Granville Farmers Club. Deeply interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community, he gave hearty coöperation to many movements for the public good, and his death was regarded as a personal bereavement by all who knew him when, in 1883, he was called to his final rest.

Theodore G. Baker, whose name introduces this review, spent his youthful days on the old home farm a mile south of Granville, and as the years passed by he aided more and more largely in developing the fields. His farm comprises three hundred acres of rich and productive land and he was associated with his father in its development and management until the latter's death in 1883. Much of the farm was then sold, but Mr. Baker, of this review, still retains fifty acres. He and his father dealt extensively in sheep and handled large quantities of wool. Their business interests were carefully conducted and their unfaltering energy

constituted a source of gratifying success. Mr. Baker, of this review, continued to reside upon the farm until 1901, when he established his home in Granville, where he now resides, and from this point gives his supervision to his agricultural interests.

On the 1st of January, 1872, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Baker and Miss Lucy S. Page, who was born in Granville township, September 12, 1848, a daughter of Lucius D. and Mary (McDonald) Page, the former a native of Granville and the latter of Vermont. Mr. Page spent most of his life on a farm in this county, but in 1891 went to California, where he died in 1903. Mrs. Page, who had come to Licking county from Canada with her parents during her early girlhood, died in this county in 1882. The Page family was founded in New England at an early day and Nathaniel Page, the grandfather of Mrs. Baker, came from Massachusetts and cast his lot among the early settlers of this part of the state.

In local political ranks Mr. Baker has been quite prominent. Throughout his entire life he has given his support to the republican party and its principles and for seven years has served as township trustee. Since coming to Granville Mr. Baker has been elected to and served one term in the village council, and in January, 1909, was appointed justice of the peace by Governor Harris, to fill out an unexpired term. A helpful and active member of the Presbyterian church, he has served as one of its trustees for the past nine years and as secretary of the board. When twenty-one years of age he was made a Mason, becoming a member of Center Star Lodge, No. 11, F. & A. M., of Granville. He is also a charter member of Altamaha Lodge, No. 246, K. P., of Granville. He is well known as a gentleman of genial manner and cordial address, of good business ability and progressive spirit, and the salient qualities of his manhood have ever been such as to win for him the high regard of those with whom he has been associated.

WORTHINGTON R. GEIGER.

Worthington R. Geiger, who is numbered among the alert, energetic and capable agriculturists of Union township, Licking county, where he was born May 14, 1849, is a member of a family which for many generations has been associated with the agricultural and stock-raising interests of this part of the state, his grandparents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Houdeshell) Geiger, having come from Virginia with their parents in childhood and located in Fairfield county. There they were married and reared four sons and four daughters, all of whom attained the age of maturity. Among the sons was David Geiger, whose birth occurred in Fairfield county, near Pleasantville. He married Nancy Roads, a daughter of Abram and Annie (Beaver) Roads, natives of Virginia. Mrs. Geiger was a native of Union township, where she spent her entire life and passed away in August, 1903, in her seventy-eighth year, having survived her husband twenty-nine years, his death having occurred May 14, 1874, when he was fifty-two years of age. Mr. Geiger followed farming here all his days and at his death left three hundred acres of excellent land. In their family were ten children, namely:



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Jacob Melville, who passed away in his twelfth year; Emily N., wife of Louis Ruffner, both of whom are residents of Fairfield county; Worthington R.; Clara M., who wedded David House, of Hebron; Peter H., who also resides in that place; Jesse E., of Union township; David M., who makes his home in Hebron; Lucy Melcina, a resident of Newark; Rhoda A., who lives with her husband, D. E. Stewart, in Newark; and Theophilus S., an agriculturist of Union township.

Worthington R. Geiger, who has always resided in Union township, excepting one year which he spent in Walnut township, Fairfield county, was reared under the parental roof and became familiar with the several departments of farm life during his boyhood days. He acquired his education in the district schools and remained on the home place until his marriage, at which period of his life he began to farm independently and in 1874 purchased the tracts of land he now has under cultivation, consisting in all of four hundred acres, fifty acres of which was of the original plot owned by his father. Most of his land he tills himself, renting the remainder. He has always engaged in general farming, also paying some attention to stock-raising, and his place, provided with substantial buildings, and properly fenced and cared for, forms one of the attractive features of the landscape.

In 1872 Mr. Geiger was united in marriage to Melissa Beaver, a native of Union township and a daughter of Isaac and Jane (Armstrong) Beaver. After the death of his first wife he wedded, in 1878, Lida Ruffner, who was born near Johnstown, this county, February 7, 1856, and was reared in Fairfield county. She was one of the nine children of Jacob and Liza (Copeland) Ruffner, natives of Fairfield county, Mr. Ruffner being a son of Jacob, who was a son of John Ruffner, a native of Virginia, who passed away in Fairfield county in his ninety-fifth year. He settled in that county, near Rushville, and the large spreading elm there under which he tented in 1805 while he was building his log cabin is still standing. One of his sons lost his life soon after locating there while felling a tree. To Mr. and Mrs. Geiger have been born the following children: Daisy Florence, who is the wife of D. C. Smith, of Union township, and has one son, William Windell; and Everett W., M. Stanley, Armada and Lulu F., all of whom reside at home; Ethel and Edith, twins; Adrian; David Bryan and Marjorie Lucille. Politically Mr. Geiger has always been a democrat. He takes considerable interest in local affairs and has served by appointment as treasurer of the township. He belongs to the Masonic order and also to the Eastern Star, and his enterprising spirit and upright character have always enabled him to stand well in the esteem of his neighbors.

FRANK E. HARRISON.

Frank E. Harrison, prominent in the industrial affairs of Jersey, is a member of the firm of Harrison Brothers & Company, carriage and wagon manufacturers, who has contributed largely toward the public improvements of the vicinity. He was born here on December 19, 1860. The Harrison family originally came from England in 1628 and settled in Connecticut, later removing to New Jersey and

thence to Jersey township, Licking county, Ohio, in 1844, here becoming very prominent. The grandfather, Stephen Harrison, who wedded Martha Condit, engaged in wagon-making and in 1844 established the business which is now in the hands of his grandsons. His son, George C. Harrison, was born in Orange, New Jersey, and was united in marriage to Eleanor G. Marsh, her parents, Edwin and Elizabeth (Thompson) Marsh, coming from Madison, New Jersey, to Ohio about May, 1833, and locating in Jersey township, where they became well known and respected citizens. Both the Harrison and Marsh families had made the journey over the mountains in wagons, their respective trips being attended with many hardships and thrilling experiences.

Stephen W. Harrison, formerly a member of the firm of Harrison & Brother and an uncle of Frank E. and Benson M. Harrison, was born in Orange, New Jersey, and in 1844 accompanied his parents on their removal to Jersey township, Licking county. In his youthful years he attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education and learned the trade of carriage-making under the direction of his father. Stephen W. Harrison married Emma L. Crane, a native of Jersey township, whose parents were born in New Jersey. By this union there are four children: Edwin, Alice, Mary Ethel and Herbert. In the fall of 1908, Stephen W. Harrison returned to New Jersey with his family and has since resided there.

On the death of their father George C. Harrison and his brother, Stephen W., continued the carriage and wagon-making business which the father had established, changing the firm style to Harrison & Brother, and in course of time added to the enterprise cabinet-making and undertaking, which branch of the business they gave up in 1891. They engaged in the manufacture of coffins, for which they had a large sale. These were made by hand and of walnut lumber.

Upon the death of George C. Harrison on April 30, 1904, having survived his first wife by thirty-seven years, his interest in the business fell to his sons, Frank E. and Benson M., who still conduct the wagon and carriage-making enterprise under the name of Harrison Brothers & Company, which style was adopted in the fall of 1908, when Stephen W. Harrison retired from the firm.

The firm of Harrison Brothers & Company build carriages, buggies, surreys, phaetons and spring wagons, all of which are high grade vehicles, celebrated for their durability and superior workmanship. The Harrison vehicle is known throughout the country and all these years has sustained the reputation of being one of the best on the market.

Frank E. Harrison, after acquiring his education in the village schools of this township, entered his father's wagon-shop, where he learned the trade of wagon-making and, having become a journeyman, he remained at the occupation until the death of his father, when he acquired an interest in the present firm. He is a skilled mechanic, familiar with every phase of the business and through his aggressiveness and industry the enterprise is gradually assuming greater proportions.

Mr. Harrison is largely and influentially interested in the affairs of the community and has been treasurer of the township for three terms, clerk for two terms and for a number of years officiated on the school board. He belongs to Jersey Lodge, No. 543, I. O. O. F., being financial secretary of the same, and to Jersey Grange, No. 1628, Patrons of Husbandry, of which he is secretary. As to his religious convictions he is very liberal. Believing in the impartial attitude of the Sovereign of the universe toward His creatures and being of the opinion that he

will ultimately preserve the general good of mankind in its entirety, he is a member of the Universalist church. A staunch republican in politics, he has always given his support to that party and is active during campaigns in endeavoring to secure the election of its candidates to the offices they seek. He is a strong agitator of public improvements and is especially active in securing good roads and public school advantages.

On May 10, 1883, Mr. Harrison wedded Miss Elizabeth M. Merrill, daughter of Oliver P. and Jerusha (Beem) Merrill, a prominent family in these parts. Mr. Merrill followed farming for many years but recently retired from active life and is now enjoying the fruits of his labor. To this union were born the following children: Rose E., who became the wife of Leo F. Farber, a prominent agriculturist of Plain township, Franklin county; Twilight M.; and Edith M. The two eldest daughters for some time were popular and successful teachers in the county and the younger daughter is a pupil in the Jersey schools. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison are well known for their social qualities and their hospitable home is a neighborhood center for their many friends to gather and pass pleasant evenings.

BENSON M. HARRISON.

Benson M. Harrison, a brother of Frank E., and who is associated with him in the firm of Harrison Brothers & Company, is a native of this place, his birth having occurred on November 17, 1863. He also served his apprenticeship with his father after acquiring his education in the village schools and has since been connected with the wagon and carriage-making enterprise. Like his brother, it is his desire and ambition to see the community grow and he is always ready to further any movement for its advancement and development. He belongs to Jersey Lodge, No. 523, I. O. O. F.; Jersey Grange, No. 1628, Patrons of Husbandry; has been a member of the school board for a number of years, of which body he is now president, and is greatly interested along educational lines. On October 4, 1888, he was married to Miss Florida F. Orr, whose parents, Silas and Henrietta (Meyers) Orr, descend from prominent families of Bowling Green township but now reside in St. Albans township. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison have one daughter, Gladys I., a pupil in the Jersey schools. Mrs. Harrison was at one time a popular school teacher. The Harrison brothers are energetic and enterprising men and through their aggressive spirit have not only largely contributed to their own financial interests, but also to the general improvement of the community in which they conduct their enterprise.

G. W. SMITH, M. D.

The qualities demanded of the successful physician are not different from those which are required in other business or professional lines: the same analysis, the same alertness, and the same watchful spirit and keen discrimination are necessary in all avenues of honorable activities where success would be attained. The

application of these qualities only is different, but the result in all cases is the same—success and progress. Possessing all the requisite qualities of the able physician, Dr. Smith has become well known as a practitioner of medicine and surgery in Newark. He was born in Randolph county, West Virginia, June 23, 1868. His father, Isaac Smith, was also a native of that state and a representative of one of its old families. He devoted his life to the occupation of farming and was accidentally killed in February, 1908, when sixty-four years of age. He married Chlorinda Carr, also a native of West Virginia, in which state she still resides.

It was in the place of his nativity that Dr. Smith began his education as a public school student, and later he taught school for four years prior to taking up the study of medicine. After spending one term in the University of Maryland and three terms in the Eclectic Medical College at Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in 1904, he commenced practice in West Virginia. He had already, in 1898, passed the required examination before the West Virginia State Medical Board and had done successful work in the line of his profession, but, desiring further training for this field of labor, had resumed his studies in Cincinnati, and, following his graduation there, came to Newark, where he has since remained in active practice. In 1906 he supplemented his previous medical knowledge by a post-graduate course in diseases of women and in surgery, at the Chicago Polyclinic. He belongs to the Ohio Eclectic Medical Association, and is doing good work in his professional service.

In July, 1902, Dr. Smith was married to Miss Emma Florence Stir, a native of Pike county, Ohio, and a daughter of Aaron and Nancy N. (Culp) Stir. The father was born in Germany, while the mother was born in Jackson county, Ohio, of German parentage. Mrs. Smith is associated with her husband in his professional labors, being a member of the medical fraternity. She is a graduate of the Laura Memorial Women's Medical College, completing the course there in 1901, while in 1904 she was graduated from the Cincinnati Eclectic Medical Institute. She is a member of the West Virginia Medical Association and the Ohio Eclectic Medical Association. Through their joint labors Dr. Smith and his wife are accomplishing an excellent work in professional lines, the knowledge and effort of the one stimulating and encouraging the work of the other. In his fraternal relations Dr. G. W. Smith is a Knight of Pythias. He has had little opportunity for active participation in public affairs, preferring always to give his attention to his specific duties, and at no time neglecting the work that devolves upon him in his efforts to assist his fellowmen in regaining health.

WILLIAM KNELLER.

William Kneller, a retired agriculturist of Union township, Licking county, is a native of Boone township, Fairfield county, where his birth occurred December 9, 1845, and where he resided until 1894, when he came to his present location. His parents were John Philip and Katherine (Sieglar) Kneller, natives of Wittenberg, Germany, who in 1830 emigrated from the fatherland to Baltimore, Maryland. Both resided there for a brief period and then went to Lancaster, Ohio, where they were united in marriage, shortly after which they settled in Bern



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township, where Mr. Kneller followed farming until he departed this life. His wife then removed to Illinois and took up her residence with one of her children with whom she remained until she entered into rest. He was a carpenter by trade and followed that occupation in connection with the cultivation of a farm containing one hundred and eighty-five acres. In their family were ten children, five of whom survive.

William Kneller spent his boyhood days on his father's farm in Fairfield county, assisting in the duties of the farm and at the same time acquiring his education in German under the instruction of his father. He remained at home, helping to cultivate the farm until March, 1894, when he came to Union township and purchased three hundred and twenty acres, which he cultivated for a period of five years and then bought an adjoining farm containing one hundred and twenty acres, to which, within the next five years, he added one hundred and five acres, his farms in all including five hundred and forty-five acres of excellent land, all of which is improved and under a high state of cultivation. Each farm is provided with a substantial brick house. In addition to his landed possessions in Licking county he also owns two farms in Fairfield county, one containing one hundred and sixty acres and the other seventy-five acres, which he sold prior to locating here. The dwelling in which he lives was built in the year 1876 and one of the other brick residences was an old landmark, having been constructed in the year 1827. In addition to these buildings he also has a substantial barn, seventy-two by forty feet, which he has thoroughly remodeled and which is one of the roomiest as well as one of the best in the township. Mr. Kneller has been and is distinctively a man of affairs and his interests constitute an important factor in the business activity of the community. Among other enterprises in which he has been interested was that of threshing and he possessed a valuable machine for that purpose which he recently disposed of. He has now practically retired from active life, doing little outside work, devoting his time principally to looking after his business interests, while his farm is being operated on shares by his children.

On May 28, 1868, Mr. Kneller wedded Wilhelmina Baumann, a native of Hocking county, Ohio, where her birth occurred October 9, 1842, and a daughter of Louis and Emma H. (Kull) Baumann, both of whom were natives of Germany, where they were united in marriage, coming to this country in the year 1830, when the parents of Mr. Kneller also crossed the Atlantic. Mr. Baumann departed this life in Hocking county, while his widow resides with Mr. Kneller. In the Baumann family were seven sons and three daughters. To Mr. and Mrs. Kneller have been born seven children: Tobias, the eldest, died in infancy. Caroline is the wife of Henry Gochenbach. John Philip resides at home. Louis married Belle Black, by whom he had one child, Celia Belle, who resides on the farm with her grandparents and, having lost his first wife, he was again united in marriage and now resides on the farm adjoining that of his father. Charles is married and farms in the same neighborhood with his father. Edward and William A. are both at home.

Mr. Kneller has always taken great pride in the German language inasmuch as he received his education in that tongue and almost exclusively uses it at home and consequently his children are well versed therein. He takes a deep interest

in religious work and is an active member of the German Lutheran church, in the affairs of which he is quite prominent, being a member of the board of trustees. He is a man who has always endeavored to live in such a way as to command the respect of his fellow citizens and his straightforward life has merited the confidence of the entire community.

NATHAN C. FLEMING.

Nathan C. Fleming is one of the most extensive land owners of Licking county, owning nearly seven hundred acres of land in Hanover township and two hundred in Perry township. He is classed with the progressive farmers, utilizing every means for advancement along the lines of honorable business, and his success places him today in the foremost rank among the prosperous agriculturists of the county. His life record began at Frazeyburg, Muskingum county, Ohio, August 7, 1836, his parents being John and Hannah (Carter) Fleming, who were also natives of Muskingum county, their respective parents having located there during a very early period in its settlement. Mr. and Mrs. John Fleming became the parents of seven children, of whom five are still living: Nathan C., of this review; James M., a resident of Newark; Charles W., residing on the home farm in Frazeyburg; Catherine, the widow of William Stump, residing in Columbus; and Alice V., the widow of W. M. Lane, of Zanesville.

In 1853, after completing his education in the common schools, Nathan C. Fleming became a student in Denison University, at Granville, there pursuing a business course. Following his graduation he devoted three years to merchandising at Irville, Muskingum county, after which he engaged in teaching school for a year. Ambitious to obtain a higher education for himself, he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware in 1861, pursuing a classical course in that institution until May, 1862, when, with ninety-nine other students, he left the university to offer his aid to the country, then engaged in civil war. He enlisted as a member of the Eighty-fourth Ohio Infantry, being the first to volunteer, and his comrades following his example, they organized Company E of that regiment. The president of the school, Rev. Frederick Merrick, followed them to Camp Chase and implored them to finish their college course, but the spirit of patriotism was strong within them, and they continued under the nation's starry banner. The Eighty-fourth became a part of General Wool's division, and the youthful volunteers served from May until the following October, when they were honorably discharged.

Following his return home in May, 1863, Mr. Fleming was married to Miss Clara C. Vandembark. He was afterward called out on the Morgan raid, and followed that general up to the time of his capture. In the fall of 1863 he took up his abode upon the farm which has since been his home. On the 17th of March, 1864, he suffered the dual loss of his young wife and an infant child, who were interred in the same coffin; and on the 28th of February, 1866, Mr. Fleming was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary J. VanVoorhis, a daughter of the Hon. Daniel VanVoorhis, of Muskingum county. Her father was a member

of the twenty-seventh Ohio constitutional convention, and also represented his county in the state legislature for two terms. He was thus closely associated with the law-making interests of the commonwealth, and left the impress of his individuality upon many of the measures which found their way to the statute books of the state. Mrs. Fleming is also a sister of the Hon. Henry Clay VanVoorhis, who was elected to represent his district in congress. He has also been prominent in financial circles as president of the Citizens' National Bank of Zanesville. Another brother, S. F. VanVoorhis, engaged in farming, makes his home in Newark, and is a director of the Building & Loan Association there. Still another brother, F. Z. VanVoorhis, of Zanesville, is extensively engaged in farming, and in the breeding of road and standard-bred horses. A sister, Sarah, is the wife of Joshua G. Stump, who is living in Dresden, Ohio. The oldest son, John R. VanVoorhis, married Miss Lucy Frazer, of Glens Falls, New York, but both are now deceased. Their only surviving child, Blanche M., is a graduate of the Granville Female Seminary. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Fleming was blessed with five children: Clarence V., residing in Madison township, this county; Hallie E., deceased; Daniel V., engaged in railroad construction at Hoboken, New Jersey; Lottie L., the wife of Dr. D. M. Miller, of Newark; and Mary R., at home.

In his political views Mr. Fleming is a republican, and his support of the party has been that of a loyal, public-spirited citizen, who believes that its principles are most conducive to good government. The cause of education has found in him a stalwart champion during the eighteen years he has served as a member of the school board. For the most of that time he was treasurer of the board. He also filled the office of township clerk and township trustee for a number of years, and in all of these positions has been prompt and capable in the discharge of his duties. He was at one time a member of the Masonic fraternity, and held several offices in this lodge, but is not connected with the order at the present time. While a student at Delaware he became a member of the Beta Theta Pi. As the years have gone by he has given splendid proof of his business ability and executive force in winning the success which he now enjoys. As his financial resources have increased he has made judicious investments in property, and is today one of the extensive land owners of the county, and has also been identified with industrial interests, being formerly vice president of the Hanover Pressed Brick Company. His home is one of the beautiful modern farm residences of the county, and everything about the place is indicative of his careful supervision and his practical, progressive ideas.

CHARLES W. HENDRICKS.

Charles W. Hendricks, residing on his well improved and valuable farm of ninety acres in Newark township, was born in Marion county, Ohio, January 11, 1836, his parents being Benjamin M. and Ann (Gray) Hendricks. The grandfather, James Hendricks, a native of Pennsylvania, came to Licking county, Ohio, in 1802, when the Indians were much more numerous than the white settlers. His son, Benjamin M. Hendricks, the father of our subject, was the first

white child born in this county, opening his eyes to the light of day on the 1st of January, 1803. His demise occurred in 1881, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1865. Their family numbered eight children, namely: James T., deceased; Catharine, who makes her home in Newark township, having attained the age of eighty years; Basil M., a resident of Newark, Ohio; Berlinda, the wife of Thomas Smedley, of Portage county, Ohio; Margaret and Rachel, both of whom have passed away; Mary, who is the widow of John R. Williams and now resides with her brother, Charles W., of this review.

The last named obtained a common-school education, pursuing his studies during the period of the year when his labors were not required on the home farm. He remained with his father until forty-five years of age, or until the latter's death, in 1881. His landed holdings now embrace ninety acres of land in Newark township, in the cultivation of which he has gained a gratifying and well deserved measure of prosperity, the fields annually yielding golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon them.

On the 16th of July, 1871, occurred the marriage of Mr. Hendricks and Miss Mary Ann Holler, who was born in Newark township, Licking county, in 1833, a daughter of Samuel and Julia Holler. Mrs. Hendricks, who was one of a family of eight children, passed away in October, 1903, her remains being interred in Cedar Hill cemetery. Her demise was deeply regretted, not only by the members of her immediate family, but also by many who had learned to esteem and love her throughout the long period of her residence here. Unto our subject and his wife were born two children: Benjamin M., a graduate of Denison University, who has taught school for several years, is a resident of Newark, Ohio. Their daughter, Julia, is deceased.

In his political views Mr. Hendricks is a democrat and has served as school director for six years, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion. He has now passed the psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, and receives the veneration and respect which should always be accorded one who has traveled thus far on life's journey and whose career has ever been upright and honorable.

JESSE EDSON O. GEIGER.

Jesse Edson O. Geiger, who was born March 23, 1857, on the farm he now cultivates in Union township, located a mile and a half west of Hebron, is a son of David and Nancy (Roads) Geiger. The family has for many years been identified with the farming interests of this section of the state, his grandparents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Houdeshell) Geiger, having come from Virginia with their parents and located in Fairfield county in childhood. In this state they were married and reared four sons and four daughters, all of whom attained adult age. Among the sons was David Geiger, whose birth occurred in Fairfield county, near Pleasantville, Ohio. He wedded Nancy Roads, a daughter of Abram and Annie (Beaver) Roads, natives of Virginia. Mrs. Geiger was a native of this township, where she spent her entire life and passed away in August, 1903,



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in her seventy-eighth year, having survived her husband by twenty-nine years, his death having occurred on May 14, 1874, when he was fifty-two years of age. Mr. Geiger followed farming here all his days and at his death left three hundred acres of excellent land. In their family were ten children, namely: Jacob Melville, who passed away in his twelfth year; Emily N., wife of Louis Ruffner, of Fairfield county; Worthington R., an agriculturist of Union township; Clara M., who wedded David House, of Hebron; Peter H., who also resides in that place; Jesse E. O.; David M., who makes his home in Hebron; Lucy Melcina, a resident of Newark; Rhoda A., the wife of D. E. Stewart, of Newark; and Theophilus S., an agriculturist of Union township.

Jesse Edson O. Geiger has spent his entire life in the house in which he was born and from which, during his boyhood days, he went in the winter season to the Luray school, where he acquired his education. After completing his studies he remained on the home place where he has since resided engaging in general farming and stock-raising on ninety-seven acres of arable land, including seventy-seven acres which originally belonged to the old homestead. Mr. Geiger remained single in order to take care of his mother, who departed this life August 16, 1903, and on November 22, of that year, he wedded Marium Elma Hoskinson, who was born in Franklin township, this county, March 3, 1863, a daughter of James and Mary (Lampton) Hoskinson. Her father was born in this county June 3, 1823, and his wife in Shenandoah, Virginia, on June 14, 1823, the latter having come to Ohio when five years of age with her parents, who settled near Zanesville, Muskingum county, subsequently removing to this county, where she taught school until the date of her marriage. She departed this life September 3, 1891, her husband, who survived her by four years, dying July 18, 1895. They spent their lives as farming people and reared two daughters, namely: Marium Elma; and Mary C., wife of Jesse B. Vermillion, of Union township. Mr. Hoskinson had two sons and three daughters by a former marriage, the latter, however, being deceased.

The democratic party has always elicited the support of Mr. Geiger, who having given considerable study to the several political cults believes the principles embodied in democracy to represent the original thought of our forefathers with respect to a free government. Although he manifests considerable interest in local affairs he has never held public office, but being industrious and enterprising and always ready to further every measure having for its object the welfare of the community he is numbered among the township's valued citizens and is accorded the respect and confidence of his neighbors.

J. P. H. STEDEM, M. D.

J. P. H. Stedem, M. D., well deserves classification among the self-made men, for at the outset of his career he was confronted with many obstacles. It is a well-known fact, however, that it is only under the pressure of adversity and the stimulus of opposition that the best and strongest in men is brought out and developed, and it was, perhaps, his lack of early advantages that made Dr. Stedem labor all

the harder to attain the position which has now come to him. He entered, too, upon a professional career in which advancement depends entirely upon individual merit, and his close study and unremitting industry have formed the rounds of the ladder on which he has climbed to affluence.

Dr. Stedem was born in Logan, Hocking county, Ohio, May 2, 1858. His father, Anton Stedem, a native of Nuremberg, Germany, left that country during the troublous political times of 1848 and crossed the Atlantic to Canada, remaining in the southern part of the dominion for a year. He then became a resident of Lancaster, Ohio, and afterward removed to Logan, where he continued to reside until his death. He became identified with the business interests of that city as proprietor of a meat market, and continued in active trade until his death on the 21st of April, 1874, when he was forty-seven years of age. In early manhood he had wedded Anna Katherina Recktenwald, who was born in the valley of Moselle, in the Prussian Rhine province of Germany. The childhood homes of Mr. and Mrs. Stedem were only twenty miles apart, but they did not become acquainted until they met in Logan, Ohio. Mrs. Stedem arrived in that city in 1854 and their marriage was celebrated in 1856. She long survived her husband, and died August 5, 1908, in Lancaster, Ohio, when seventy-six years of age.

Dr. Stedem was one of a family of eight children, having four brothers and three sisters, all yet living with the exception of one brother and one sister. At the usual age he entered the public schools, and eventually became a pupil of the high school in Logan, Ohio, where he was graduated in 1874. He also attended a private German school and taught in the public schools of Logan and the surrounding country for ten years. He was a youth of sixteen at the time of his father's death, and, as he inherited no patrimony, was obliged to engage in teaching school in order to provide for his own support and for the support of the family, for he was the eldest child. The burden thus laid upon his young shoulders was a heavy one, but he bore it uncomplainingly, and throughout his entire life has met every duty with the same resolute and determined spirit, showing good cheer even in the face of seemingly insurmountable difficulties. After teaching school for a time he turned his attention to the drug business in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in partnership with his brother, Fred William Edward Stedem. His interest in the practice of medicine quickly followed, and, determining to make it his life work, he matriculated in the Jefferson Medical College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1888. He afterward spent fifteen months as an interne in St. Agnes Hospital, and thus put his theoretical training to the practical test, gaining the broad expansion which comes in hospital work. He was thus well equipped for the duties of a private practice when he removed to Newark in 1889 and opened an office on South Third street. He is now located in the Newark Trust Building, where he has a well equipped office, supplied with many modern appliances that are of assistance to the physician in his humanitarian service for his fellowmen. He keeps in touch with the world's work along lines of medical and surgical practice through his membership in the Licking County and Ohio State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association.

On the 12th of January, 1892, Dr. Stedem was married to Miss Elizabeth Brennan, a native of Newark, and a daughter of Edward Brennan. They have one son, Edwin Joseph, born May 29, 1896. They also lost a daughter, Leah, who was born July 14, 1894, and died on the 14th of August of the same year. Dr.

Stedem belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus. He displays many sterling characteristics of his German ancestry, including the persistency of purpose that has enabled him to accomplish what he has undertaken. His work in professional lines has been attended with gratifying success, and his practice has steadily grown in volume and importance.

ROLLIN R. LUSK.

The enterprising town of Utica finds a worthy representative of its business interests in Rollin R. Lusk, who is successfully conducting a jewelry store and is well known in the community for his enterprise and commercial probity. He is one of the native sons of the town, born November 14, 1859. He represents one of the old families of the county. His grandfather, Thomas Lusk, who was born in Pennsylvania about 1802, came to Licking county at an early day and cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers who were reclaiming the district for the uses of the white race. He was a tanner and currier by trade and followed those pursuits for many years, his labors bringing to him well merited success. He married Elizabeth Dunlap, who was born in 1808, and for many years they traveled life's journey happily together. Thomas Lusk was killed, however, in Newark in 1872, by the cars, while on his way to his brother's funeral. His widow survived him for a number of years and died when more than eighty-two years of age. He was a stalwart republican in politics from the organization of the party, being prompted to join its ranks from the fact that it was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery, and he was strongly opposed to that institution. He held membership in the Reformed Presbyterian church. The family of Thomas Lusk numbered seven children: Samuel G.; Orilla, of Newark; Mary, James and Emma, all deceased; William, living in Newark; and Hattie, who has passed away.

Samuel Gibson Lusk, father of our subject, was born in Utica, November 24, 1833. As he grew in years and strength he assisted his father and became interested with him in business. On the 13th of May, 1864, he was mustered into the United States army for one hundred days' service, becoming a member of Company G, One Hundred and Sixty-third Ohio Infantry. He did garrison duty in the defense of Washington until August 31, 1864, when the regiment was mustered out. Before going to the war he had been connected with his father in the tanning business, but as that pursuit no longer proved profitable, Mr. Lusk, after his return from the war, took up the stonemason's trade. On the 4th of January, 1883, while attempting to pick the cap from a loaded shell with a knife, the shell exploded and the knife was driven into his forehead, causing his death nine days later. His political allegiance was stanchly given to the republican party and he was regarded throughout the community as a man of the highest respectability, whose sterling worth made him a valued citizen. It was in 1858 that he married Miss Amelia Jane Platt, who was born in Knox county, Ohio, July 5, 1834, a daughter of Paul P. Platt, who was a native of New Jersey, and removed westward to Knox county at an early day. Mrs. Lusk still survives her husband and is a member of the Christian church who enjoys the warm regard and friendship of all

who know her, because of her many beautiful characteristics. She is now living in Utica. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Lusk were born three children: Rollin R.; Alice, who married J. J. Hennessy and lives in Youngstown, Ohio; and Mamie, who died in infancy.

Rollin R. Lusk has spent the greater part of his life in Utica and at the usual age began his education in the public schools, pursuing his studies to the age of sixteen years, when he started out in the business world as a clerk in a grocery store. Subsequently he was employed in a drug store and in 1878 began learning the jeweler's trade in Utica. He was for a time employed in the same capacity in Coshocton, Ohio, and in 1883-4 was in Plain City, in the jewelry business. Since that time he has remained continuously in Utica, where he now owns and conducts a well appointed jewelry store, carrying a large and carefully selected line of goods. In his mercantile efforts he receives a liberal patronage, and aside from his activity in this line he is a stockholder in the Utica Gas Company and also in the Licking glass factory and the North American Gas & Oil Company of Newark. His business judgment is sound and reliable, and he has learned to correctly value his own powers, to determine his limitations and to understand and utilize his opportunities. In this way he is making steady progress and his business interests have brought him the capital that ranks him among the substantial citizens of the county.

In November, 1898, Mr. Lusk was united in marriage to Miss Margaret McClellan, a native of Washington township, Licking county, and a daughter of J. B. and Susan (Belt) McClellan, also natives of this county. The father died September 24, 1907, at the age of sixty-eight years, while the mother is still living in Utica.

Mr. Lusk exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and he gives his aid and influence to further its success, yet he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He belongs to Utica Lodge, No. 555, K. P., which he joined on its organization, and for twenty-six years he has been an exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity. The principles which have characterized his life have made him a valued citizen, and his record constitutes an integral chapter in the history of his native town.

JAMES LONG.

The pursuit of agriculture, as well as other vocations in life, requires the efforts and abilities of strong men, and perhaps no county has had more of the right class of energetic characters to develop the natural resources of this part of the state than Licking county. Among those deserving mention is James Long, who has large farming interests in Licking and Union townships. He was born in Thornville, Perry county, August 23, 1865, a son of Jacob and Jane (McCleery) Long, his father having been a native of that place where he followed farming all his life, entering into rest in the year 1903. He was a straightforward, substantial farmer, whose political convictions were always on the side of the democratic party, and who held membership in the Lutheran church, in the affairs of which



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he took an active interest. The mother of our subject was a native of Fairfield county, and first married James Wilson, by whom she had two children—Charles and Allie. She afterward married Jacob Long in Perry county, where she departed this life. There were four children of the second marriage, namely: Emma, who became the wife of William H. Irvin, who is connected with Polk & Company, of St. Paul and Minneapolis; James; Ella, who became the wife of William Foster, a Thornville grocer; and John, also with Polk & Company, of St. Paul, Minnesota.

James Long was given the advantage of a good education, receiving his preliminary training in the district schools, later attending the Thornville high school. He returned to the home farm, where he remained until he was twenty-five years of age, at which period of his career he began to farm for himself in Perry county, where he remained until 1890, when he removed to this county where he has since resided. He has an excellent farm containing one hundred and sixty-one acres of land, and every improvement in the line of building and fencing upon the premises Mr. Long made himself, and in addition to having a substantial barn he also is the owner of a magnificent residence which is built after a modern type of architecture and is equipped with every convenience with which to make home life comfortable. Here he engages in general agriculture, his crops being of the finest quality owing to the attention he gives the soil, while at the same time he enters into stock-raising on a small scale, keeping on hand only thoroughbred stock.

In 1890 Mr. Long wedded Miss Annie M. Christ, by whom he has two children, Angus and Edith. A democrat in politics, Mr. Long is a strong advocate of maintaining the original character of the nation's institutions and also of a low tariff system by which a more healthy competition in trade and commerce may be established, and thereby wealth and prosperity be more equally distributed. He is a member of the Lutheran church, and upon its services, in company with his wife, he is a regular attendant. Industrious and enterprising, always endeavoring to do what he can to add to his own interests and to those of the community as well, he merits a place among the worthy citizens of the township.

DANIEL M. SHEPARDSON.

Daniel M. Shepardson has passed the eighty-fourth milestone on life's journey and has always lived in Licking county, his birth having occurred February 2, 1825, on a farm which he yet owns near the north line of Granville township, and which is operated under his supervision. His parents were Daniel and Prudence (Morse) Shepardson. The father was born in Middletown, Vermont, September 27, 1787, and the mother in Dublin, New Hampshire, September 19, 1784. They were married in the Green Mountain state and in the fall of 1813 started for Ohio, with Licking county as their objective point, driving a team of horses from Fairfax, Vermont. Their journey ended, they settled on the farm which is now the property of Daniel M. Shepardson and which then contained ninety acres. It was a tract of wild and unimproved land, and in the midst of the green woods

Daniel Shepardson built a little cabin and began placing the farm under cultivation, clearing away the trees and stumps in order to cultivate the fields and develop the property. There he spent the remainder of his days and his labors were manifest in the improved appearance of his place. A brick dwelling which still stands on the farm was built by him in 1829. There he and his wife spent their remaining days, the death of the father occurring November 24, 1866, while the mother passed away on the 25th of March, 1835. He was an energetic, industrious man and took charge of the construction of three-fourths of a mile of the canal east of Newark, in 1825, acting as superintendent of construction. A few years later he was identified with the building of Granville College, now Denison University. He had charge of the erection of the two first buildings, situated a mile and a half out in the country. Not only did he figure prominently in the early business development of the county, but was also a factor in the political, social and moral progress of the community. He was a factor in the organization of the First Baptist church and served as one of its deacons until his demise. His political allegiance was originally given the whig party, and on its dissolution he joined the ranks of the new republican party and served as township trustee and in other township offices. He was also a member of the board of trustees of Granville College. Unto him and his wife were born eight children: Lucetta, the wife of David Woods; Perrin, who married Elvira Miller; Abigail, the wife of Gardner Woods; Harriett, the wife of Niram Pruden; Nancy, who died unmarried; Elvira, the wife of Rev. D. D. Walden, who is now living at South Haven, Michigan, at the age of ninety-two years; Daniel, who died at the age of two years; and Daniel M., who is the only one now living.

The boyhood days of Daniel M. Shepardson were passed in the usual manner of farm lads of the locality. He shared with the family in all of the difficulties and trials of pioneer life and aided in the arduous task of developing a new farm. As the years passed he continued to carry on agricultural pursuits and his labors brought him rich harvests for which he found a ready sale on the market. He continued to reside upon the farm until 1879, and since that time has given to it his general supervision. In 1879 he built his present home in Granville and has since occupied it, being now most comfortably located in the village.

On November 8, 1848, occurred the marriage of Daniel M. Shepardson and Miss Abbie L. Durant, who was born in Springfield, Vermont, October 1, 1827, and with her parents, Jotham and Lucy (Chilson) Durant, natives of the Green Mountain state, came to Ohio in 1842. They settled at Croton, in Hartford township, and Mr. and Mrs. Shepardson were married there. For a long period they traveled life's journey happily together, but were separated in the death of Mrs. Shepardson, May 14, 1894, her demise being the occasion of deep and widespread regret to her family and many friends. Unto this marriage have been born two daughters: Esmah C., who was born in January, 1850, became the wife of the Rev. Alfred Oreutt, a Baptist clergyman, who died in Minnesota. She and her four children are now living with her father. Lucy P., born in October, 1856, is the wife of M. P. Ashbrook, of Granville, and they have had eleven children, six of whom are living.

A lifelong member of the Baptist church, Mr. Shepardson served as chairman of the building committee at the time of the erection of its present house of worship. He was also chairman of the building committee of Burton Hall and of

King Hall, two of the buildings of Shepardson College, in Granville. In 1863 he became a member of the board of trustees of Denison University, and so continued until a recent date, when he resigned. He has served as a deacon in the Baptist church since the '60s and has been a member of the board of trustees most of the time. His first presidential vote was cast for Zachary Taylor and on the organization of the republican party he became one of its supporters and has since been most loyal in his advocacy of its principles. Few have resided for so long a period in the county as has Mr. Shepardson, who for eighty-four years has been a witness of its growth and progress. He has seen the building of the railroads, the introduction of the telegraph and telephone and the transformation of farm life through the invention of improved farm machinery. He can remember a time when many of the rural homes were log cabins and when much of the land was still covered with the native forest growth. Cooking, too, at that early day, was done over the fireplace, and the spinning wheel and the tallow candle were features of almost every home. His memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present and he relates many interesting incidents of the early days. He is now one of the venerable and honored citizens of the county, and well deserves a place on the pages of its history.

WILLIAM M. SHERMAN.

William M. Sherman, one of the best known farmers of Licking county, has been actively engaged in agricultural pursuits here for almost thirty-five years. A native of Muskingum county, Ohio, he was born October 14, 1840, a son of John and Mary (Miller) Sherman, both natives of Fayette county, Pennsylvania. The father, having learned the miller's trade in his native place, came to Ohio in early manhood and located in Hanover, Licking county, where he engaged in the milling industry, with which he was identified for forty-five years, or until his death, which occurred in 1853, at Dillons Falls, Muskingum county, where he had removed with his family.

William M. Sherman was reared under the paternal roof, and pursued his education in the district schools until the spring of 1853, when, following his father's death, he removed to Licking county and took up his abode with Samuel B. McKinney, in whose home he remained until he reached manhood. Upon attaining his majority he assumed the responsibility of providing for his own support and, in the spring of 1861, he went to work for Esquire Smith, receiving in return for his labors ten dollars per month, with the understanding that should his services prove satisfactory to his employer his salary would be increased to twelve and a half dollars per month. That he found favor in the eyes of his employer is manifest in the fact that he soon received the advanced salary and remained with Esquire Smith for eight years, at the end of which time he was receiving twenty-five dollars per month. Upon severing his connections with Esquire Smith, Mr. Sherman entered the employ of William R. Seymour, who subsequently became his father-in-law. In 1864 he made his first investment in real estate, purchasing one hundred and twenty acres of wild, uncultivated land

in Van Wert county, Ohio. That this investment was a good one is manifest in the fact that a short time after purchasing the property he sold it for twice what he paid for it. Later, in 1874, he removed to his present home in Licking county and rented a farm of sixty-one acres, which he cultivated for two years, when, in 1876, he purchased the place and has since added to his holdings until his farm now consists of eighty-two acres. Mr. Sherman has greatly improved his farm, erecting substantial buildings and bringing the fields under a fine state of cultivation.

In June, 1896, Mr. Sherman was united in marriage to Miss Mary C. Seymour, a daughter of William R. Seymour, of Licking county. Her paternal grandfather, Thomas Seymour, came to Licking county in 1803, from Virginia, settling in Madison township, where he held a government land grant of one thousand acres. Mr. Sherman is democratic in politics, and although he served one term as trustee of Madison township, he has never been an office seeker, preferring to devote his time and attention to his agricultural interests. Mr. Sherman and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian church, and well known throughout the community, while Mr. Sherman is one of the most prominent agriculturists of his locality.

JOHN E. RUFFNER.

John E. Ruffner has throughout his entire life engaged in general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising on the farm he now cultivates in Union township, Licking county, and on which he was born June 8, 1833, the family being among the pioneers of this part of the state, his grandfather, John A. Ruffner, a native of Virginia, locating at an early date in Fairfield county, where he owned and cleared large tracts of land. He departed this life there at the advanced age of ninety-five years. John and Mary (Roads) Ruffner, the parents of John E. Ruffner, were natives of Page county, Virginia, the father's birth having occurred March 3, 1785, and his death in this county in 1863, when he was in his seventy-eighth year. John Ruffner went with his parents to Fairfield county, where he remained for a few years, and about 1818 came to Licking county, where he spent the remainder of his days on his farm. He owned three hundred and twenty acres of land, all of which at the time he staked his claims was timber-land but subsequently he cleared off most of the tract and put it under cultivation, at the same time erecting substantial buildings. His first dwelling house was a log cabin, which he afterwards replaced by a more modern home. In his family were two children: David, who died August 11, 1888, in his sixty-ninth year; and John E., the subject of this sketch.

John E. Ruffner was reared to farm life under the supervision of his father and when not busy with the work of the fields he attended the district school—a characteristic structure of that pioneer period, being equipped with slab benches and other primitive furnishings. After putting aside his text-books he settled down to the pursuit of husbandry on the old home farm, where he has since resided. His farm contains two hundred and twelve acres of valuable land situ-



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ated on the Newark road, eight miles south of Newark, in Union township, and Mr. Ruffner, being a progressive agriculturist, has always given sufficient attention to the soil to preserve its nutritive elements and consequently his land is highly productive. Aside from engaging in general farming he also raises stock of all kinds, particularly cattle and sheep, his long experience in this department of work making him familiar with every phase of the situation and in his earlier days he transacted a large buying and shipping business in this line. His farm is well kept and in every particular is indicative of the thrift and progressive spirit of its owner.

In 1862 Mr. Ruffner was united in marriage to Amanda Dennis, a native of Fauquier county, Virginia, where her birth occurred June 14, 1831. Her parents, James and Frances (Kendall) Dennis, natives of that state, located in Licking township, this county, about the year 1835, and here departed this life. In their family were eight children: Julia, widow of Brady Bosman; Amanda; Joel and Patrick, deceased; Octavia, the wife of Miles Joseph; Rhoda, who resides in Johnstown, this county; Fidelia, widow of William Frush; and Wilson, who resides in Union township. The last two are twins. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ruffner, namely: Ella, born May 30, 1864, became the wife of Dudley Taylor, and died leaving a daughter, Beulah; Charles, born December 13, 1865, manages the home farm, upon which he resides with his wife, Caroline Hand, and three children, Burrell, Mabel and Mary. Mr. Ruffner has always voted on the side of the democratic party to whose candidates he has ever been loyal but while he is deeply interested in the success of his party he has never desired to hold public office, preferring rather to live quietly within his home circle. He has belonged to the Licking Baptist church since 1876 and has been treasurer of that organization for the past thirty years. A man whose daily life and conversation have always been indicative of Christian ideals, he well deserves the high measure of respect he now enjoys as a worthy citizen of the township.

JOHN LARIMORE.

John Larimore, who is now living a retired life after many years of labor on his farm in Union township, this county, was born there October 7, 1831, a son of James and Anna Eliza (DeWald) Larimore, his father having been a native of Virginia and his mother of Maryland, both settling in this county about the year 1827. The father departed this life April 20, 1874, and she April 5, 1887. In their family were Daniel, Louisa, John, Sarah Ann, Scienda, James and Caroline, all of whom are deceased except the latter and John.

In this township John Larimore has spent his entire life, remaining on his father's farm during his boyhood days and youth, in the meantime learning the art of husbandry and acquiring his education at the district schools, subsequently pursuing a course of study at the old academy. He remained upon the home place until he was twenty-two years of age, at which period of his life, desiring to be independent and self-supporting, he rented a farm, which he tilled for nine years,

and in 1863 purchased his present farm, which contains one hundred and seventy-two and one-half acres, on which he engaged in general agriculture and stock raising, making sheep his specialty until he retired from active life in the spring of 1907. He has since resided in Granville, where he owns a two-story dwelling house.

On November 9, 1854, Mr. Larimore wedded Hannah Minerva Lane, a daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Horne) Lane, natives of this state, the father's birth having occurred February 14, 1812, and his death January 8, 1892. The mother, the day and year of whose birth were identical with those of her husband, departed this life December 20, 1891, both being interred in Granville. Her mother's maternal grandparents came here from Virginia in 1806 and purchased a farm near Union Station, which Mr. Lane subsequently purchased from the heirs and deeded to his daughter, Mrs. Larimore. The grandfather passed away before Mrs. Larimore's birth, and the grandmother in the year 1876. To Mr. and Mrs. Larimore were born thirteen children, namely: Clara and Elma Elizabeth, deceased; Caroline May, wife of John Black, of this county; William Gerry, of Union Station, this county; George Lane, who resides in Oklahoma City; Richard Clement, who lives in Winfield, Kansas; Blanche, wife of Sherman White, the couple residing in Bucyrus, Ohio; Fanny Fern, widow of Emmett Perry, Mrs. Perry residing in Delaware, Ohio; Bruce Lee, a resident of Georgia; Jessie, widow of Asa H. Brown, Mrs. Brown residing at home; James H., deceased; one who died in infancy; and Frederick Buxton, who resides in Port Washington, Ohio. The democratic party has always received the support of Mr. Larimore, who is an able advocate of its principles, being convinced, both by study and observation, that the principles of the democratic platform alone sustain the original import of our institutions and favor that degree of individual liberty for which our forefathers, with much self sacrifice and self denial, contended victoriously. He is therefore active in support of the candidates of his party, and uses whatever influence he may be able to exercise during campaigns to bring the strength of the tenets of his platform before the people in their behalf. Although Mr. Larimore has been a very busy man, crowded by the affairs of his extensive interests, he has never lost sight of his religious duties and has always been a zealous Christian, holding membership in the Licking Baptist church, and being a man whose many years of activity have been marked by honesty and an endeavor to do good in the world. He has always entertained the confidence of his neighbors and been numbered among the representative citizens of the township.

D. E. CHISM.

D. E. Chism, who for the past twenty-seven years has been identified with the farming interests of Granville township, is a native of Walnut township, Fairfield county, Ohio, where his birth occurred March 21, 1840, and where he resided, engaging in agricultural pursuits, until he took possession of his present farm. He is a man possessed of an aggressive spirit who for many years was employed as a farm hand and then rented the property he cultivated and finally, through his industry and perseverance, reinforced by practical economy, gradually rose in the financial

world until he had accumulated sufficient means with which to purchase the excellent tract of land he now owns. His parents were Franklin and Elizabeth (Geiger) Chism, natives of Virginia and Fairfield county, Ohio, respectively. In 1854 the father settled in the state of Ohio, where he was united in marriage. He departed this life when eighty-two years of age. During his life he engaged for a period of eight years hauling whiskey for J. M. Ashbrook's distillery, and for fourteen years was employed as a stage driver before the days of railroads. Upon giving up this occupation he commenced farming, in which he continued until he departed this life. Of six sons and one daughter born to this union, D. E. Chism was the oldest.

The maternal grandfather, David Geiger, was a native of Pennsylvania and early in life removed to Fairfield county, of which he was a pioneer. Upon his arrival there the region was in a primitive state and presented a far different appearance from that of today. There were no broad and arable fields and only here and there was a cabin to be seen and as little land had been cleared for cultivation the country was almost devoid of buildings, which are now seen in great profusion throughout that county. Dense forests covered the land and the early settler, instead of entering it with the plow and harrow, came with the ax, prepared for hard work and obviously inspired with an aggressive spirit, knowing that only through patience and perseverance could the trees be hewn down, the stumps uprooted and the land put into condition for cultivation, but Mr. Geiger was a progressive man and, being equal to the emergency, he soon converted the tract of land which he purchased into arable fields, from which he derived bountiful harvests. In addition to his agricultural interests he also owned and conducted a distillery which was located on his farm. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Hawdeyshell, a native of the Keystone state, who accompanied him to Fairfield county, where they spent their lives.

On their farm which occupied a part of the present site of Pleasantville, occurred the nativity of D. E. Chism. In the district schools of his native township he acquired his education and then remained on the home farm, actively engaged in the pursuit of agriculture, until the year 1889, when he removed to Licking township, where he followed farming for ten years, at the expiration of which time he came to this township and bought a farm containing one hundred and fifty-four acres. Upon leaving the home farm at twenty-two years of age he rented a tract of land, and meeting with splendid success by the year 1899 he had accumulated sufficient means to enable him to buy the property he now has under cultivation. Of the one hundred and fifty-four acre plot, which he first purchased, he subsequently disposed of thirty-six acres and has since been engaged in general farming and stock breeding on the remainder. Before he settled down to agricultural life Mr. Chism was employed for five years as superintendent on the Lancaster and New Salem pike, in Fairfield county and remained in this position until the work was completed.

On January 14, 1863, Mr. Chism wedded Samantha Pence, of Rush Creek township, Fairfield county, where her birth occurred November 28, 1838. Her parents were David and Catharine (Grove) Pence, who were natives of Virginia, and among the first settlers of that county, but who subsequently removed to Licking county. Her grandfather, John Grove, early in life settled in this county and built a round-log cabin in the woods, three miles south of Newark. Her father was twice united in marriage and by his first wife had ten children and by his second four children, of whom she was one, the members of the entire family having lived

to maturity. Mr. and Mrs. Chism are the parents of: Oliver, of Centerville, this county; Ida, who resides in Columbus, Ohio; Viola, wife of Clyde Bowman, of Newark; Annie, who became the wife of Jesse Grove, of that place; George W., who resides in this township; Fannie, who wedded Perry Carlyle, the couple residing on his father's farm; Estella, wife of Ernest King, of this place; Mamie Abi and Beulah, who reside at home. Two children passed away in infancy.

Mr. Chism has always given his allegiance to the democratic party in national issues and, being of the opinion after due deliberation that its principles are fundamental to the financial life and permanent prosperity of the nation, he is enthusiastic during campaigns and is ready with his vote and influence to secure the election of its candidates. In his political views he has deviated radically from those of his people, who were originally whigs and upon the dissolution of that party naturally contributed their support to the republican party. He has contributed much to the welfare of the communities in which he has resided and for two years served as assessor of Pleasant township, Fairfield county. All his life he has been an active man, of industrious habits and upright character, and his general demeanor has been such as to make him a substantial and representative citizen.

MARGARET M. (O'BANNON) WARNER.

Mrs. Margaret M. Warner, widow of C. K. Warner, who for many years was prominent in the agricultural and business circles of Washington township, was born in the house in which she now resides, February 17, 1836. For over a century her people have been tillers of the soil in this region, who came here when the entire country was in a primitive condition, thickly covered with timber, and when they were one of a very few families scattered throughout the county. Her parents were Presley O. and Mary M. (Taylor) O'Bannon, her father having been born here November 11, 1807, and her mother also, in the year 1811. Upon coming to this region he took up extensive claims and cleared off several hundred acres, which he put in a fit shape for cultivation. The old log house, which he built upon coming to this part of the county, is still standing and occupied by his daughter. Mr. O'Bannon was an influential man in the county and was known within a wide radius of his home as a minister of the Lutheran church, having served in that station for a period of eighteen years, ministering to many of the small congregations then scattered throughout this and adjoining counties. Upon his death, which occurred September 13, 1880, he left one thousand acres of the finest farming land in the country. His wife passed into eternity September 18, 1881. They were the parents of the following children, namely: William P., a resident of St. Louisville; Margaret M.; and Elizabeth, Catherine, Jennie and Ellen, deceased.

In her twentieth year occurred her marriage to C. K. Warner, whose birth occurred in Knox county, this state, in the year 1828 and who throughout his life followed general agriculture and stock raising and owned one hundred and ten acres of land, which he had highly improved and made one of the most desirable farms in the county. He was a republican in politics, active during



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campaigns in securing the election of the candidates of his party, and served the township in many useful offices. To this union were born: C. K., Jr., who resides in Mexico; Frank M., a resident of this township; Presley N., who lives in Utica, this state; W. C.; and Ralph M.

Since her husband departed this life Mrs. Warner has operated the farm and has since enlarged her interests to one hundred and sixty-seven acres, which she keeps under cultivation and on which, aside from producing general grain crops, she makes a specialty of raising shorthorn cattle. She is a noble Christian character and belongs to the Lutheran church, in which she is an active worker and to which she is a large contributor.

WILLIAM M. CLEM.

The well directed labors of William M. Clem have resulted in the acquirement of a fine farm consisting of two hundred and three acres, located in Licking township, Licking county. He comes of an old southern family, his birth having occurred in Shenandoah county, Virginia, November 25, 1866. He is of German extraction, but representatives of the name through several generations have lived in Shenandoah county, his paternal grandfather, Simon Clem, having there been born and reared. He followed farming as a life work. The father of our subject, Isaiah Clem, was born and reared on his father's farm in Shenandoah county, and after reaching years of maturity wedded Miss Isabel Shuff. When starting out in life on his own account he, too, engaged in general agricultural pursuits, to which he still devotes his attention. At the time of the Civil war the father enlisted for service in the Confederate army, with which he served for two years. He was made a prisoner at Brandy Station and was also for a short time held as a prisoner at Washington, D. C. After his release he remained in the north until the close of hostilities and then returned to his native state, where he resumed his work as a farmer. He still survives and makes his home in Virginia. The wife and mother, who was likewise born and reared in Shenandoah county, also survives. By her marriage she became the mother of eight children, all of whom are living, namely: Lydia, the wife of Joseph Clem, a market gardener of Page county, Virginia; Maggie, the wife of Bradley Collin, also a farmer of that county; Mary Jane, the wife of W. F. Marston, who is a railway mail clerk, with headquarters at Woodstock, Virginia; William M., of this review; Ella, at home; Luther, who is engaged in farming near Apellton, in Licking county; Walter, who is employed as a railway mail clerk, with headquarters at Manassas, Virginia; and Guy, who is engaged in teaching in Page county, Virginia.

William M. Clem, whose name introduces this review, spent the period of his boyhood and youth on the old homestead farm in Virginia and during the winter months pursued his education in the common schools. He remained on the home farm until he reached the age of twenty years, and then, believing that other pursuits would prove more congenial, he secured employment as clerk in a store, being thus engaged for one year. He then came to Ohio and, settling in Knox county, worked for a time by the month as a farm hand. Later, in Licking county, he

rented land for three years, after which he returned to Knox county, but five years ago returned once more to Licking county and purchased his present farm of two hundred and three acres, all of which is well improved. Mr. Clem gives his time and attention to raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, and each year gathers rich harvests as a reward for the care and labor he bestows upon the fields. His success, too, is richly merited, for it has come to him through earnest, indefatigable labor, since he started out in life in the humble capacity of a farm hand and today is numbered among the substantial citizens of Licking county.

On the 24th of November, 1890, Mr. Clem was united in marriage to Miss Ida O. Weaver, who was born in Knox county, Ohio, and by her marriage she became the mother of three children: Belle, who is attending school; Kirby and Helen, all at home.

Mr. Clem gives his political support to the men and measures of the republican party, and while residing in Knox county filled some township offices. He is a member of the Lutheran church, while Mrs. Clem belongs to the Christian church. They are people of the highest respectability and worth in their community and in business circles Mr. Clem has won a reputation for honorable and straightforward dealing.

WILLIAM P. NEIBARGER.

An attractive and well improved property comprising one hundred and seventeen acres, situated in Madison township, and known as the Rural Dale Farm, is the home of William P. Neibarger, who is engaged in dairying and farming. He is a native son of Madison township, born on the old Neibarger homestead, January 5, 1846, his parents being William and Mary (Tebo) Neibarger, both of whom were natives of Virginia. The former came to Licking county with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Neibarger, when he was a lad. They first settled on a farm which Jacob Neibarger rented near Bowling Green, but later he purchased a tract of land at the junction of the two branches of Clay Lick, where he erected and operated a sawmill for several years, this being the first sawmill to operate in this section of the country. There he spent his remaining days and after his death his farm was divided among his three sons, John, David and William. The latter continued farming on the old home place and made that his home until the time of his death, which occurred in 1880, when he had reached the extreme old age of eighty-three years. He was a democrat in his political views and affiliations and was a man of influence in the community in which he so long made his home. His wife was a consistent and faithful member of the Methodist Protestant church.

William P. Neibarger was reared in much the usual manner of farm lads, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors of the home place, assisting his father in the fields from the time of early spring planting until crops were harvested in the late autumn, while in the winter months he pursued his education in the common schools. After reaching maturity he continued the work to which he had been reared and, subsequent to his father's death, sold his interest in the home place and also disposed of one hundred and sixty acres of land which he owned in Indiana, and with his capital invested in his present property, consist-

ing of one hundred and seventeen acres, known as the Rural Dale Farm. He is engaged in general husbandry and for the past ten years has given much of his time and attention to the dairy business, being assisted in his various duties by his son. In the latter branch of business he is meeting with gratifying success, his products finding a ready sale on the market, where they demand a good price, and his fields, too, which are in a good state of cultivation, also yield rich harvests, so that Mr. Neibarger is numbered among the substantial citizens of Licking county. He was in former years engaged in the cultivation of flowers, but for the past few years has not carried this on as a business.

Mr. Neibarger was married November 18, 1869, to Miss Martha A. Wolfe, who was born in Franklin township, this county, a daughter of John Wolfe, who is likewise a native of Franklin township, his father, George Wolfe, having come to Licking county from Pennsylvania at an early day. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Neibarger has been blessed with nine children, of whom eight survive, namely: Mary, the wife of Webster Drunn, of Newton township; Charles O., at home; Henry Curtis, who is a farmer and dairyman of Madison township; Jennie Florence, the wife of William H. Roe, a resident of Vanatta, this county; Arthur, who is also engaged in farming and dairying in Madison township; Anna, the wife of Charles Roe, of Licking county; James, a machinist of Mount Vernon; and Blanche, the wife of Jeff Long, of Newark.

Following in the political footsteps of his father, Mr. Neibarger gives his support to the democracy. He has served as township supervisor and was likewise for several years a member of the school board. He is identified with the Patrons of Husbandry, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian Union church, of which his wife is also a member. He is not in the sense of office seeking a man in public life and yet he exerts his influence in the community where he has always made his home. He finds his greatest social enjoyment at his own fireside, where he delights to entertain his friends and all who know him have for him high regard.

J. G. BOWER, M. D.

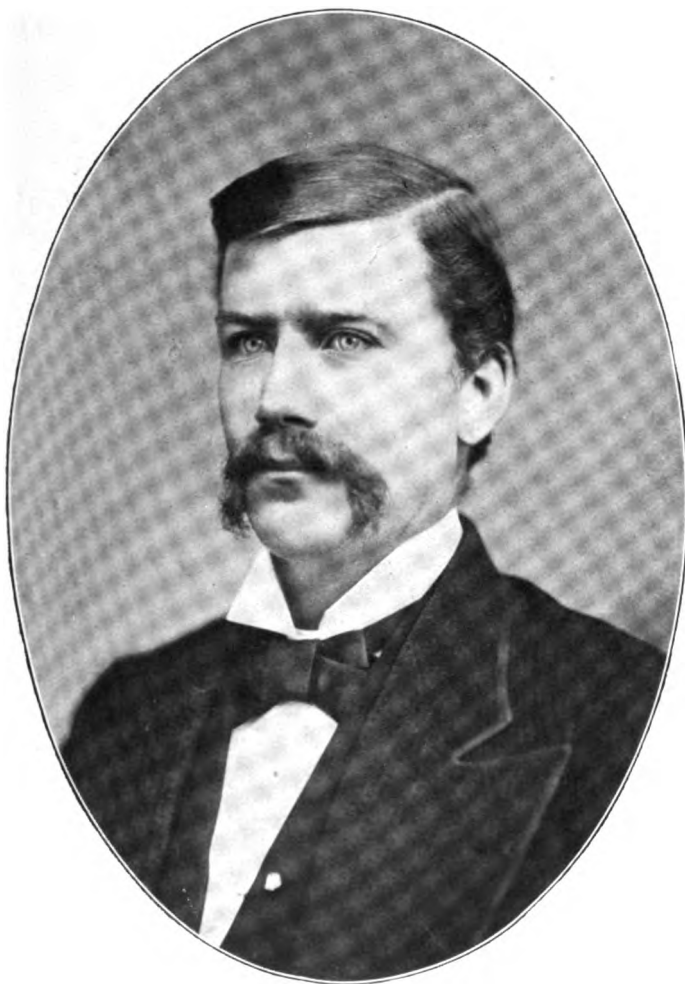
Dr. J. G. Bower is engaged in the general practice of medicine in Newark, but yet specializes to some extent in surgical work, and his ability in that line has given him more than local repute. A native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he was born October 20, 1863, of the marriage of Samuel H. Bower and Susan Pontius, both of whom were natives of Germany and died in Philadelphia during the infancy of their son. Dr. Bower was then reared by a German family of Philadelphia to the age of eleven years, when he started out into the world to make his own living, from which time forward he has depended upon his own resources and his judgment to tell him what was best to be done. In his efforts to secure a living he has traveled extensively and engaged in various occupations, but all the time has been actuated by a desire to work his way upward, and at length became imbued with the determination to enter professional circles. To this end he took up the study of medicine in 1887 and was graduated from the Starling Medical College, at Columbus, in 1895. Immediately afterward he opened an office in Newark, where he has since remained, and in the fourteen years of his practice has made steady advance-

ment on lines demanding strong intellectuality, close application and sound judgment. On coming to this city he located in the west end when it was sparsely settled, but he has witnessed its rapid and substantial development and throughout the years has done a good, general practice, at the same time giving much attention to surgery, for which he is well fitted. His office is now equipped with many fine instruments and appliances for surgical work and he possesses moreover a comprehensive and accurate knowledge of anatomy, understanding fully the component parts of the human body, their functions, and the onslaughts made upon them by disease. Moreover he is cool in emergencies and combines a gentle touch with a steady hand—qualities which are absolutely essential in successful surgery. He was for ten years surgeon to the Wehrle Stove Company, the largest enterprise of this kind in the world. He is a member of the Licking County and Ohio State Medical Societies, and the American Medical Association.

In 1905 Dr. Bower was married to Miss Clara O. Hall, a native of Ohio. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and has been an extensive traveler, visiting many parts of Europe, Australia, and South America, from which countries he has brought back many interesting curios. He speaks a number of languages. His mind is enriched with many interesting incidents of his travels and he is an entertaining talker, his friends finding him a most congenial and companionable gentleman.

DANIEL SHAW.

Daniel Shaw is a worthy representative of one of the old and prominent pioneer families of Licking county and for many years has been identified with the agricultural life of Madison township, having made his home on a well improved farm of two hundred acres but he has rented his farm and taken up his abode in Newark, where he expects to spend his remaining days in well earned rest. Mr. Shaw is a native son of the township in which he has always made his home, his birth having here occurred in an old log cabin, October 2, 1849. His paternal grandparents, Zachariah and Marian Shaw, both natives of Virginia, removed to Licking county in a very early day, establishing their home on a farm in Clay Lick. Their death here occurred and their remains are buried in Bowling Green cemetery. Their family included William Shaw, who became the father of our subject. He was also born in Madison township in 1822 and was here reared and educated. He remained under the parental roof until 1850, when starting out in life on his own account, he accompanied his two brothers, Urias and Andrew, to Jasper county, Illinois, hoping to find that a favorable location, but not being pleased with the country, after three weeks they returned to Licking county and purchased two hundred acres of land, known as the Shawnee land in Madison township. Although during his lifetime he made several changes in his place of residence he always remained in Madison township, and in connection with farming he also engaged in the butchering business, whereby he acquired a handsome competency. He was a democrat in his political belief and while wholly in sympathy with the northern cause, during the Civil war when the sentiment between the north and south was at its height, Mr. Shaw made an expression which was misconstrued by some of his enemies and he was threatened with violence, narrowly escaping



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death in his meat market in Newark. He wedded Miss Mary Ann Stump and to them were born five children all of whom survive, namely: Catherine, the wife of Alva Tinkle, of Newark; Matilda, the wife of William Mossman, of Madison township; John W., also of Newark; Marietta, the wife of Robert Warman, also of that city; and Daniel, of this review. Both parents were consistent and faithful members of the Christian Union church. They are now deceased, the father passing away in 1898, when he had reached the advanced age of seventy-six years, while his wife survived him only about six months.

Daniel Shaw, the youngest member of the father's family, spent the period of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof, and during the winter seasons he pursued his education in the district schools. He was early trained to the duties and labors of the home farm and continued to assist his father until he had reached the age of thirty years, when he established a home of his own by his marriage, and subsequently engaged in general agricultural pursuits on his own account. He purchased from his father the home farm comprising seventy acres, which he operated for about five years, during which time, through his capable management and well directed labors, he acquired a competency that enabled him to add to his possessions thirty acres, while still later he purchased one hundred acres adjoining, so that he now owns two hundred acres all in one body. The land is in a highly productive state, while good buildings add to the value, as well as to the attractiveness of the farm. Mr. Shaw has long been active in agricultural pursuits but has removed to Newark, where on four acres of ground he has erected a nice modern home, in which he expects to spend his declining years.

Mr. Shaw was married March 11, 1880, the lady of his choice being Miss Angeline Wiley, a resident of Hanover township, Licking county. Their union has been blessed with five children: Etta May, the wife of George A. Pigg, of Madison township, who is mentioned on another page of this work; Daniel Bert, at home; Mary Eva Kirk, also at home; while two died in infancy.

A democrat in principle and practice, Mr. Shaw has served one term as township trustee, while both he and his estimable wife are devoted members of the Christian Union church, of which he is serving as elder and trustee. Having spent his entire life in Madison township he is well known and highly esteemed, for in his relations with his fellowmen and in his treatment of his neighbors he has never lost sight of the principle of the Golden Rule.

PHILIP M. BRILL.

Character and ability will come to the front anywhere. In youth and manhood many an individual has been buffeted by fortune, while almost insurmountable obstacles have strewn his path. Perseverance, however, has cleared them away and the man has gone on to success, winning the respect and good will of all who have witnessed his struggles and victories. Such is the record of Philip M. Brill, county recorder for Licking county, who may justly be called a self-made man, for he deserves all of the praise that term implies. He was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, February 1, 1850, his parents being David and Catharine (Mulinex) Brill.

The father was a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, coming to Ohio in 1824 and settling in Guernsey county. He was the youngest of a family of twelve children. The ancestors of Philip M. Brill were all farming people, and both families number several representatives among the Union soldiers of the Civil war. David Brill continued his residence in Ohio up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1859.

Philip M. Brill was then nine years of age. He was reared on the old homestead farm and attended the district schools, but through private reading, study and research and through experience and observation he added greatly to his knowledge, becoming a well informed man, and for twenty-seven years he engaged in teaching through the winter seasons, proving a capable educator. As his father left the family in limited financial circumstances, Mr. Brill was compelled to supplement his farm labors through the summer months by teaching in the winter in order to support the family. For seven years in his early life he worked as a farm hand by the month, having a hard struggle to earn a livelihood, but persevered until he had gained a substantial financial footing. While living in his native county he served as assessor.

In 1890 Mr. Brill removed to Licking county, taking up his abode on a farm in Hanover township, two miles from Black Hand. With characteristic energy he began the development and further improvement of that property, which he still owns, and which returns to him a good rental. His fellow townsmen have recognized his worth and ability and called him to public office. While living in Hanover township he served as justice of the peace and was also assessor. In the fall of 1904 he was elected on the republican ticket to the office of county recorder for a term of four years. He has made an efficient officer, carefully systematizing his work, and in the discharge of his duties he has displayed the utmost fidelity as well as promptness and capability.

On the 28th of September, 1878, Mr. Brill was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Bolton, a native of Noble county, Ohio, and they have four children: Othel, Florence, Ethel and Ada. Mr. Brill belongs to the Masonic fraternity and the Woodmen Camp. He has been closely allied with the soldiers' and sailors' reunions of Black Hand and is interested in many measures of public moment. It is only under the pressure of adversity and the stimulus of opposition that the best and strongest in man is brought out and developed, and the hardships and privations which Mr. Brill had to endure, in his youthful days, gave rise to a strong, stalwart manhood that makes him one of the worthy and valued residents of Newark and Licking county.

MRS. PHEBE A. (WILLIAMS) DANIELS.

Mrs. Phebe A. (Williams) Daniels, the widow of Charles H. Daniels, was born in Newark township, Licking county, Ohio, August 31, 1857, her parents being William and Mary (Evans) Williams, he of South and she of North Wales. In 1832 the mother accompanied her parents on their emigration to the United States, the family home being established in Licking county, Ohio. William Williams, the father of Mrs. Daniels, was an agriculturist by occupation and both

he and his wife died on the home farm, his demise occurring October 16, 1885, while Mrs. Williams was called to her final rest in April, 1882. Unto this worthy couple were born six children, namely: Evan T., a resident of Wyandot county, Ohio; Zachariah J., living in Rhode Island; Margaret S., deceased; Sarah J., of Newark, Ohio; Mrs. Daniels; and Susan E., who has also passed away.

On the 24th of September, 1885, Phebe A. Williams gave her hand in marriage to Charles H. Daniels, whose birth occurred in Licking county, April 24, 1857, his parents being Edward and Lucy (Thomas) Daniels, the former a native of North Wales and the latter of Licking county, Ohio. Edward and Lucy (Thomas) Daniels reared a family of eight children and made their home in this county until called to the home beyond, the mother's demise occurring in 1904. Unto Charles H. and Phebe A. (Williams) Daniels were born two children: William Harold, whose natal day was September 30, 1886, and who died September 16, 1887; and Edward Williams, born May 25, 1895.

In his political views Mr. Daniels was a stalwart republican and capably served in the office of supervisor for several years. He was a Modern Woodman of America of Newark and an Odd Fellow of Granville. His death occurred on the 20th of March, 1901, and his remains were interred in Cedar Hill cemetery, the county thus being called upon to mourn the loss of one of its worthy native sons and substantial citizens. Mrs. Daniels is now the owner of one hundred and eighty-five acres of rich and valuable land in Newark township, a fine residence at No. 237 Central avenue and two lots on Craig avenue. Throughout her entire life, or for more than a half century, she has now been a resident of this county, and is therefore largely familiar with its annals from a pioneer period down to the present time, while the many excellent traits of character which she has displayed have made the circle of her friends almost coextensive with the circle of her acquaintances.

MADISON MELICK.

Madison Melick, one of the prosperous and well-known agriculturists of Burlington township, where he owns a highly improved and valuable farm of three hundred and sixty-three acres, was born in Jackson township, Knox county, Ohio, on the 27th of September, 1843. His parents, Jonas and Imas (Jones) Melick, were natives of Pennsylvania and Crawford county, Ohio, respectively. The father, who participated in the war of 1812, with the rank of major, made his way westward to Knox county at an early day and there spent the remainder of his life, passing away at the venerable age of eighty-three years. When he arrived in this part of the state the district was still to a large extent wild and unimproved, numerous bears and deer roamed through the woods, and all the privations and hardships of pioneer life were to be met.

Madison Melick was reared under the parental roof and obtained a limited education in one of the old-time log schoolhouses, with puncheon floor, slab benches and other primitive furnishings. When nineteen years of age he went with a Mr. Miller to Illinois, taking a flock of sheep to that state and there remaining during

the corn husking season. He then accompanied Mr. Miller to Iowa, where he spent the winter. His father, who had been married four times, his last wife being a native of Perry county, Ohio, had become paralyzed, and Madison Melick was called home to look after his interests. He remained with his father throughout that summer and was then married and located with his bride on the old homestead farm in Jackson township. In the fall of 1874, however, he came to Licking county, Ohio, purchasing one hundred and forty-six acres in Burlington township, while a few years later he bought ninety-six acres adjoining his original purchase on the east. In 1891 he bought another farm of one hundred and nineteen acres adjoining and took up his abode thereon in the spring of 1892. His three farms are all in one body and now comprise three hundred and sixty-three acres of some of the most valuable and productive land to be found in the county. The fields annually yield golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them, and in the conduct of his agricultural interests he has met with a measure of success that entitles him to representation with the substantial and influential citizens of his community.

Mr. Melick has been married twice. In 1865 he wedded Miss Valetta Drake, of Perry county, Ohio, by whom he had two children: Mrs. George Beaver, of Knox county, Ohio; and Gus, a resident of Mount Vernon, Ohio. For his second wife Mr. Melick chose Miss Mary Larue, of Burlington township, Licking county, and by this marriage there were also born two children, namely: J. Frank, who assists his father in the operation of the home farm; and David M., who likewise carries on agricultural pursuits on one of his father's farms. Mrs. Mary Melick was called to her final rest in March, 1904, and her death was deeply and sincerely mourned, not only by her immediate family but also by the many friends whom she had won.

In his political views Mr. Melick is a stalwart republican. Having spent almost his entire life in this part of the state, he is widely and favorably known here, and has been a valuable assistant in much of the progress and development that has been made in the line of agricultural pursuits.

JAMES OLIVER PRYOR.

James Oliver Pryor, whose birth occurred in Glencoe, Belmont county, Ohio, July 8, 1850, came to Etna township, Licking county, more than thirty years ago. His parents were Albert and Matilda (Meeks) Pryor, his father having been a native of Maryland while his mother was born in Belmont county, Ohio. They located in Licking county, settling on a farm in Harrison township, where Mr. Pryor engaged in general agricultural pursuits until his life's labors were ended in death, in December, 1896, when he was eighty-eight years of age. His wife, still surviving, lives upon the home farm. They reared a family of eight sons and three daughters, James Oliver Pryor having been the second child born.

Shortly after James Oliver Pryor was born, his parents removed to Centerville, Belmont county, Ohio, where his father transacted a general merchandise business in connection with farming, and there his son was reared until he was



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fifteen years of age, in the meantime working upon his father's farm and availing himself of the educational opportunities afforded by the neighboring schools. The family next removed to Monroe county where his father purchased a tract of land on which his son James Oliver Pryor resided until he was united in marriage, in the meantime hiring out with neighboring farmers. In 1879 he removed to this county where he was employed as a farm hand until his marriage. He then rented a farm which he tilled for a period of five years, at the termination of which period he and his wife located on the farm where they have resided for the past twenty-three years. The farm which originally embraced sixty-five acres he has since increased to one hundred and forty-five acres, the property being located one mile west of Etna on the National Pike and Electric Line, and here he carries on general farming together with stock-raising. Provided with new and substantial buildings, its fences in excellent repair and the soil in the best condition, this farm is as desirable a piece of land as exists in this part of the county. In his ventures Mr. Pryor has been very successful and aside from his farming interests he has launched out farther in the commercial world and is a stock-holder in the Kirkersville Bank and also in the Farmers Telephone Company of Pataskala.

On March 9, 1872, Mr. Pryor wedded Belle McLeary, a native of Monroe county, who passed away six years later. She had three children, namely: Anto Genella, who became the wife of Homer Lamp, residing in Denver, Colorado; Luna, who entered into rest in her ninth year; and McLeary, who went to South Africa with a transport carrying horses during the Boer war, and who now resides in St. Louis, Missouri. The second marriage of Mr. Pryor occurred February 19, 1882, and was to Louisa Katharine Emswiler, who was born here November 28, 1854, a daughter of William Harrison and Susan (Goss) Emswiler, mentioned elsewhere in this volume. To this union were born: Verna, who passed away in her fourth year; Lottie E., who died in infancy; Daisy, who lives with her parents; Ethel Florence, whose death occurred when she was in her third year; and Otto, who lives at home.

Mr. Pryor is a republican in politics and has never deviated in his loyalty to his party since casting his first vote and, being a man who has given considerable study to the merits of the platforms of the several political cults, he is decided in his leaning toward the principles of republicanism and during campaigns his influence is widely felt in his efforts to secure the election of the candidates of his party. He belongs to Etna Grange and the Methodist Episcopal church, and his honesty and straightforwardness together with his enterprise, include him among the township's worthy citizens.

J. W. BARKER, M. D.

J. W. Barker, M. D., capably and successfully practicing medicine in Newark since 1891, comes to Ohio from Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Armstrong county, of the latter state, September 1, 1873. His father, Edward Barker, was also a native of that county and followed the occupation of farming as a life work, but died in 1875 when his son, Dr. Barker, an only child, was but

two years of age. The mother bore the maiden name of Martha Adams and was also born in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania. She still survives and is now living in Newark with her son, who thus repays her in filial love and devotion for the care and attention which she gave to him in his youthful years. Dr. Barker was a pupil in the schools of Grove City, and other places in Pennsylvania. He received no inheritance from his father, but in his childhood days determined to become a physician, which was his father's wish. He was reared by Dr. Pettigrew, of Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, and this may have had something to do with shaping his life work. Through the summer months he was employed in different ways and in the winter seasons attended school. He carefully saved his earnings and worked hard to fit himself for the profession. After preliminary reading he used his earnings to pay the expenses of a college course, and began studying in the Baltimore Medical College, from which he was graduated April 21, 1898. He then began practice in Mineral City, Ohio, where he remained until 1901, when he came to Newark and located in the western section of the city, where he has since lived.

In 1897 Dr. Barker was married to Miss Bertha F. Devereaux, who was born in Maryland and is of French descent. The doctor and his wife have an extensive circle of warm friends in their section of the city. They are members of the Presbyterian church and Dr. Barker also belongs to the Licking County and Ohio State Medical Societies. He has given his attention to general practice in which he has been very successful, for he displays keen discernment in diagnosing his cases and is seldom, if ever, at fault in predicting the outcome of disease. He is also correct in his application of remedial agencies, and while slow to discard the old and time-tried methods of practice, the value of which has been proven in the passing years, he is also quick to adopt new methods which his judgment sanctions as elements in the progress of professional labor.

J. G. FREDERICK.

Among the honored veterans that Licking county sent to the Union army for service in the Civil war J. G. Frederick is numbered. The country owes to her soldiers a debt of gratitude which can never be paid and especially to those who made great sacrifice to aid in the preservation of the Union. Mr. Frederick is well known in the county, for his entire life has here been passed. He was born in Newton township, October 22, 1836, a son of John and Nancy (Fry) Frederick, natives of Virginia. Coming to Ohio about 1820, they settled in Newton township, Licking county, and here resided until the death of the mother. The following year the family removed to Iowa, where the father passed away. In their family were seven children, six of whom reached adult age.

J. G. Frederick, the fifth in order of birth, was a lad of ten years when his parents left Licking county and went to Ottawa, Illinois. Two years later he accompanied his father to Hamilton county, Iowa, where they remained for two years and then returned to Ohio, settling near Chatham. In 1857, when about twenty-one years of age, J. G. Frederick went to Canton, Illinois, and there

remained until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when in August, 1862, he enlisted in Fulton county, Illinois, as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Third Illinois Infantry. With his command he went to the front and participated in the skirmish at Black River, Mississippi, and in the battle of Mission Ridge, November 25, 1863. There he lost his left arm and was also wounded in the hip. His injuries necessitated his remaining in the hospital until February, 1865, when because of his wounds he was honorably discharged. He then returned to Licking county, Ohio, with a most creditable military record, but had made a great sacrifice in order to preserve the Union.

Shortly after his return home he was married to Miss Nellie M. Philipps, the wedding being celebrated May 20, 1865. She was born in McKean township in 1844, a daughter of Samuel and Susannah (Riley) Philipps. Her father came to this county at the age of two years. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick has been blessed with four children, namely: Arthur, who is still with his parents; Ada, who died at the age of thirty years; Nellie, the wife of E. E. Weiser, a resident of Cleveland; and Susannah, who died when but three years of age.

Soon after their marriage, in the fall of 1865, Mr. Frederick removed with his young wife to Illinois, where he resided until 1877, when he returned to his native county. For many years he followed the painter's trade. At the present time he owns and occupies a little farm of twelve acres just outside the city limits of Granville. He is a member of Lima Post, No. 71, G. A. R., and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. He also belongs to the Granville Baptist church. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and while in Illinois he held some minor township offices, the duties of which he discharged in a manner creditable to himself and satisfactory to his constituents. He has now passed the seventy-second milestone on life's journey and an honorable record has won him the respect and good will of all with whom he has come in contact.

JACOB VANDENBARK, SR.

Jacob Vandembark, Sr., has followed agricultural pursuits as a life work and for many years has been identified with farming in Hanover township, although he has recently sold to his son the old home farm. He is a native of Ohio, born September 27, 1832, a son of Gersham and Mary (Baird) Vandembark, both natives of New Jersey, whence in their childhood days they removed with their respective parents to Muskingum county. The father there grew to mature years and was married to Miss Baird. He made farming his life work and died in Muskingum county at the age of fifty-eight years. The wife and mother died when seventy-three years of age.

Jacob Vandembark was reared in Muskingum county and acquired his education in one of the old time log schoolhouses near his father's home, the methods of instruction being quite as primitive as the building. He assisted his father on the home farm until he had attained his majority, when, in 1855, he was united in marriage to Miss Helen Virginia Bealmear, a daughter of Dr. Thomas Beal-

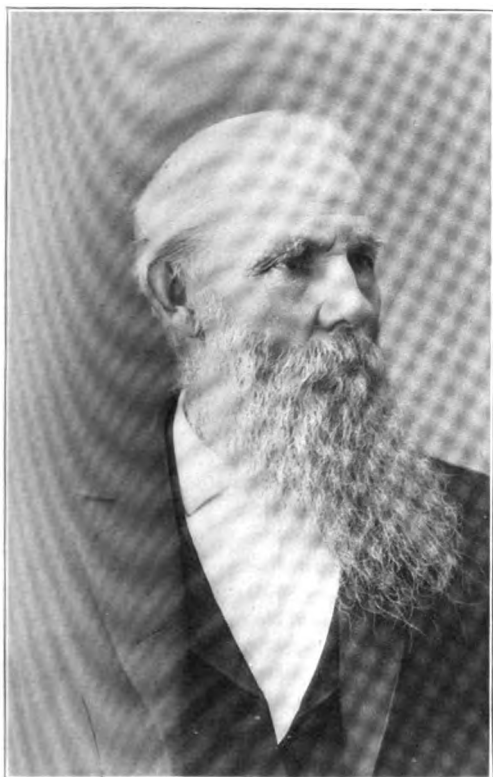
near, of Muskingum county. In the spring following his marriage Mr. Vandembark and his bride came to Licking county and located on his present farm in Hanover township, this tract having been given him by his father. It embraced one hundred and thirty-eight acres and the only improvement on the place was a little log house, in which the young couple began their domestic life. Five years later this pioneer home was replaced by a fine frame residence, which at that time was one of the finest in this section of the country. As the years have passed Mr. Vandembark has prospered and has remained active in agricultural circles to the present time. He recently sold the home farm to his son. His success has been gained through the most straightforward and honorable methods and is therefore well deserved.

Mr. and Mrs. Vandembark became the parents of ten children, of whom nine still survive: Flora, the wife of Z. H. McKnight of Licking county; Mrs. Ollie Myers, a widow residing in Columbus; Emma, the wife of Jasper Siler, of Massillon, Ohio; Thomas B., of Granville, this state; Ella, the wife of William Smart, of Indianapolis, Indiana; Jacob, Jr., who married Catherine Huffman and owns the old home farm; Mattie, the wife of E. P. Stone, of Hanover; Carrie, the wife of Frank Richards, of Hanover township; and Blanche, the wife of Austin Howe, also of this township. After a happy married life of forty-five years, Mr. and Mrs. Vandembark were separated by the death of the latter and her remains were interred in Hanover cemetery.

Mr. Vandembark has supported the men and measures of the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He is well known as a pioneer of the county and as a most industrious and useful man, whose probity is an unquestioned element in his career. In daily life he is genial and affable and his friends speak of him in terms of highest praise and commendation.

ISAAC NEWTON McMILLEN.

Isaac Newton McMillen devotes his time and energies to the further improvement and development of a farm of two hundred and twelve acres, situated on the township line between Union and Granville townships. It is only about five miles from Newark on the county road and there Mr. McMillen carries on general farming and stock raising, for many years making a specialty of sheep raising. He was born in Newark township, north of the city of Newark, May 14, 1834, a son of Andrew McMillen, whose birth occurred in Washington county, Pennsylvania, February 14, 1788. In the year 1808 he came to Licking county with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McMillen. The former was a son of William and Margaret McMillen, and William McMillen was a native of Scotland. The birth of James McMillen occurred in Washington county, Pennsylvania, December 1, 1758, and there he resided for a time, from whence he went to Wellsburg, West Virginia, where he operated a tavern and dry goods store. In 1808 he went to Ohio and purchased a farm west of Newark, on which he erected a large distillery. He afterward went to Muskingum county in 1814 and there his death occurred in 1821. During the first night which he spent in Licking county, he and his family camped on the



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present site of the courthouse. He married Jane Bell, a daughter of George and Mary Bell and by this marriage there were born ten children, Andrew, George, William, James, Isaac, Theodocius, Mary, Diver, William and James. The first of the name of William died in early childhood.

An interesting episode in the early life of Andrew McMillen reads as follows: One day Andrew and some other boys waded across the Ohio river to the Ohio side to get some paw-paws. On their return they heard a gun fired and after reaching the shore learned that a man had been killed by an Indian on the site they had but lately quitted. He was killed and scalped, the Indian escaping. It was supposed the Indians were trying to capture one of the boys.

Arriving at years of maturity Andrew McMillen was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Wilson, a native of Shenandoah county, Virginia, and a daughter of Archibald and Nancy (Newman) Wilson, who were also natives of the Old Dominion and came to this state in 1802. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McMillen spent the remainder of their lives here and he was recognized as one of the prominent and influential farmers who owned two hundred and eighty-six acres in the home place and was engaged extensively in stock raising in addition to cultivating the fields. His religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church and his life was characterized by principles that neither sought nor required disguise. His political allegiance was given to the whig party and at one time he was a candidate on that ticket for the legislature. He stood always for reform, improvement, for justice, truth and right and his name was honored wherever he was known. In his family were eleven children: James, a physician and surgeon, practicing in Newark; Archibald, a farmer and stock dealer; George V., who also follows farming; John W., who owns a large farm and also engages in raising and selling stock; William, who devotes his attention to the same pursuit; Benjamin F., well known as a representative of farming interests in this county; Henrietta, the wife of Wesley Belt, who is a local preacher and farmer; Dorothy, the wife of Miles Marple; David P. and A. B., twins; and Isaac Newton of this review.

The last named was only a young lad when his parents removed to the farm on which he now resides. Here he has lived continuously since, save for a short time which he spent in Granville in order to give his children better educational advantages. He has two hundred and twelve acres which formerly constituted a part of his father's estate, lying on the township line between Union and Granville townships and bordering the county road five miles from Newark. It is a pleasant situation and enables the family to enjoy all the advantages of town life and at the same time the freedom of rural life. He has brought his fields under a high state of cultivation and the farm is a splendidly improved property, giving evidence in its neat appearance of the supervision and practical methods of the owner. Stock raising has been an important feature of his business and for a number of years he engaged quite extensively in raising sheep.

On the 8th of June, 1858, Mr. McMillen laid the foundation for a happy home life in his marriage to Miss Martha Jane Showman, a daughter of John and Mary (Swick) Showman, who were natives of Pennsylvania. Mrs. McMillen was born in 1838 and passed away in 1900, her death being deeply regretted by many friends. In the family were six children: Archa Bell, a resident farmer

of Newark township; Andrew M., who follows farming in Granville township; Annie, the wife of Jano Buckland, of Granville; Mary E., at home; Dorothy, the wife of George Piper, of Granville; and Martha, the wife of Elmer Griffiths, who is professor in a college at Liberty, Missouri. Martha engaged in teaching for a number of years before her marriage.

Mr. McMillen exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and is interested in all that pertains to the moral progress of the community. He has now reached the seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey and in looking back over the past he can see that there have been few wasted opportunities and few leisure moments. His life has indeed been a busy, active and useful one and furnishes an example which might well be followed by those who wish to win honorable success and at the same time enjoy the merited confidence and good will of their fellowmen.

RICHARD L. TANEYHILL.

Richard L. Taneyhill, attorney at law, of Newark, was born at Millersburg, Holmes county, Ohio, February 16, 1875, and is a son of Richard W. and Matilda (Robertson) Taneyhill, both of whom are natives of Holmes county. The father has been probate judge of that county for thirty years and is still the incumbent of that office. He was also clerk of the court for seven years and was a captain in the Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which rank he served throughout the entire war. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg and in numerous other notable engagements and his entire life has been characterized by the same patriotic spirit and loyalty to his country that marked his course when he followed the stars and stripes on southern battlefields.

Passing through consecutive grades in the public schools, Richard L. Taneyhill eventually became a high-school student and was graduated with the class of 1894. Determining upon the practice of law as his life work, he then matriculated in the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and was graduated in 1897 with the degree of Bachelor of Law. He also spent one year in pursuing a special course in Columbian College at Washington, D. C. In 1899 he was admitted to practice in the Ohio courts and in January, 1900, opened an office in Newark, where he has since remained. He has comprehensive knowledge of the fundamental principles of law, but in his practice makes a specialty of commercial law, and has displayed marked ability in this department of jurisprudence. In addition to the care of legal interests on behalf of his clients he also publishes a rating book for Licking and Richland counties, known as the Blue Book. He is likewise the secretary of the Ohio Collectors' Association. He belongs to the Licking County Bar Association and his fellow practitioners recognize his ability and class him with the representative lawyers of the city.

On the 25th of May, 1905, Mr. Taneyhill was married to Miss Irene S. Duer, of Millersburg, and they have one son, Richard D., born December 15, 1906. Mrs. Taneyhill is a daughter of E. J. Duer of Millersburg, an attorney, who has been

prominent in the public life of his community, serving as mayor, as postmaster and in other positions of public trust. His daughter, Miss Taneyhill, is a graduate of the Millersburg high school and of the School of Applied Design for Women, a well known art school in New York city. She displays artistic ability that would soon take her beyond the ranks of the amateurs if she desired to enter the profession. Both Mr. and Mrs. Taneyhill have many friends in Newark and their home is the center of a cultured society circle.

AARON PARK HILLBRANT.

Aaron Park Hillbrant, a worthy citizen and prosperous farmer of Union township, whose family for upwards of a century has been tilling the soil in this county, was born here December 5, 1847. His paternal grandfather, Henry, who was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, in 1762, came here at a time when there were but two or three families in this part of the township, and settled near the away in his ninety-fourth year. He took up a claim covering something over sixteen hundred acres, all of which was woodland, a portion of which he cleared and present home of his grandson, where he spent the remainder of his life, passing put under cultivation. In his family were six sons and four daughters, some of whom were born in Virginia, and a number of whom were united in marriage and reared families, among them having been Aaron Hillbrant, whose birth occurred here on October 7, 1808, where he spent his entire life in the pursuit of agriculture, entering into rest November 3, 1879. He was an extensive land owner, having possessed five hundred acres in this township, together with one farm in Illinois, his first purchase here having been one hundred acres of timber land which he cleared off and put under cultivation and provided with substantial buildings. For five years he was employed on the Ohio canal, receiving seven dollars a month for the first three years, eight dollars per month for the fourth year, and nine dollars per month for the fifth year. Giving up this occupation, he returned to farming, and was so successful in tilling the soil as to have been able not only to increase his acreage ten times over his original purchase but also to amass considerable means. He wedded Isabella Huddleston, a native of Hampshire county, Virginia (now West Virginia), in November, 1811, a daughter of Henry and Mary Huddleston, who were early settlers of this place, and to this union were born eleven children, four of whom survive, namely: Lucy, who became the wife of George C. Wilcox, the couple living in Kansas; Henry, a resident of Granville township; Aaron Park, whose name heads this review; and Thomas P., who resides here. His wife having passed away in 1864, Mr. Hillbrant was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary Kagy Walton, by whom he had one son, W. H., who resides in Kansas.

On the home farm with his parents Aaron Park Hillbrant remained until he was united in marriage, in the meantime assisting his father in the daily routine of agricultural life, and, during the short winter terms, acquiring his education in the neighboring schools. At that period of his life, desirous of entering the world for himself, he purchased a farm one mile north of the old homestead, where he

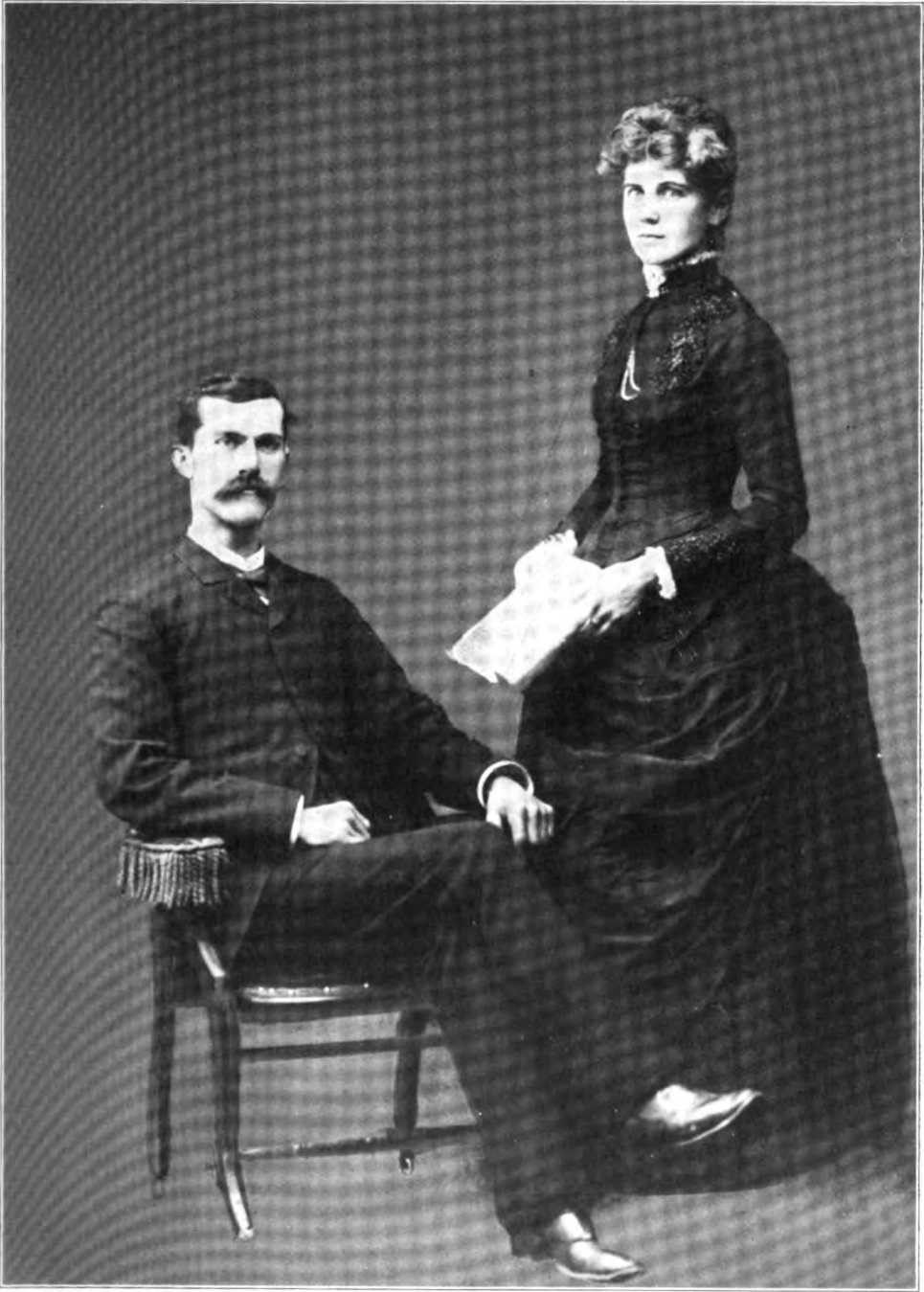
has since been following the occupation to which he was born and reared. His farm consists of one hundred acres of rich and highly cultivated soil, and is part of the original Hillbrant estate upon which his father and grandfather had lived, and, being provided with buildings of the most substantial character, and neatly fenced, the premises present the appearance of thrift and industry, and no better or more productive farm exists in this part of the county. Hay and wheat, together with other grains, are produced in large quantities by Mr. Hillbrant, who also pays some attention to stock raising, breeding cattle and sheep from the highest grade of registered specimens.

On April 15, 1868, he wedded Alice Owens, a native of Granville township, this county, where her birth occurred April 20, 1851, and a daughter of John and Mary A. (Jones) Owens, natives of Wales, both of whom passed away here where they had spent the greater portion of their lives and reared a family of six children, all of whom grew to maturity. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Hillbrant are: Charles A., who resides at home; Orie E., a widower with one child, Emma, both of whom reside with his parents; Alice J., who became the wife of Charles Richards, of Granville township, the couple having one daughter, Alice; John A., who lives with his parents; and Bertha E., who lives with her husband, John Showman, in Granville township. Mr. Hillbrant has always had unquestioning faith in the possibilities of the principles of the democratic party as regards the general welfare of the nation, and hence he is an enthusiastic advocate of the tenets of his party, and during campaigns his influence is deeply felt on behalf of its candidates. Aside from national and state affairs, he takes quite an interest in local matters and has served as road commissioner and as a member of the school board. For the past eight years he has been a member of the Licking Baptist church, although he has attended the divine services of that institution since boyhood. Being a man of high moral purpose, whose daily conduct is thoroughly in keeping with the teachings of his religion, he enjoys an excellent reputation among his neighbors, and is one of the valued citizens of the township.

FRANK P. WRIGHT.

Frank P. Wright, a life-long resident and a native son of Monroe township, where for many years, in connection with general agriculture, he has been engaged in sheep breeding, in which connection he is widely known throughout the state, was born May 19, 1861, upon the farm where he now resides. His parents were James and Effie (Willison) Wright, his father having spent the greater portion of his life in Licking county, where he owned many acres of land on which he engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He came here in the early days and was known throughout the county as one of the men through whose energies this part of the state was transformed from thick woodlands and undeveloped tracts to its present fertile and fruitful fields.

Frank P. Wright was reared under the parental roof and in the neighboring schools acquired his education, in the meantime assisting his father in the daily routine of agricultural life. Upon the death of his parents he fell heir to the old



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homestead and its surrounding acreage. The farm is one of the finest in the vicinity and has long since been provided with every convenience by which agriculture may be carried on by modern methods. It includes two hundred acres of excellent and well located land, the quality of its soil being unexcelled in the county, and from year to year, under favorable conditions, it yields large harvests. Mr. Wright carries on stock-raising to some extent and has a number of head of graded cattle and sheep, making a specialty of breeding the latter, many of which he has shipped throughout the adjoining states. He pays particular attention to raising Delaine sheep and has won the reputation of being among the foremost sheep breeders in the state.

On November 10, 1887, Mr. Wright wedded Miss Alma Wells, a daughter of Alfred and Ellen (Follett) Wells, her father being a well known farmer in Hartford township. They have since been living together in happy companionship, assisting each other in bearing life's burdens. Mr. Wright is a republican in politics and, having given a thorough study to the principles of his party, he is an able advocate of their merits. During campaigns he is influential in presenting his side of a question to the end of securing votes to place the party candidates in office. Imbued with public-spirit, he is a hearty advocate of improvements, particularly good roads, and is always ready to further any movement which in his judgment will tend toward the general welfare of the community. He belongs to Johnstown Lodge, K. P., and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of which he has been a trustee for several years and in addition is one of its most liberal supporters. He is in every sense an exemplary character, honest, upright and progressive, and is highly esteemed throughout the county.

MRS. ROSE A. (McDONELL) SMITH.

Mrs. Rose A. (McDonell) Smith, the widow of Patrick Smith, is well known in Newark, where she has a wide and favorable acquaintance. She was born in Ireland at the Castle Blaney estate, and came to America when sixteen years of age, becoming a resident of New Jersey. A year later she removed to Newark, Ohio, where she has since resided. She is a daughter of Michael and Mary McDonell, both of whom were natives of Ireland. Her father was a shoemaker by trade and followed that occupation throughout his entire life. He was industrious, energetic and reliable and whatever success he enjoyed was attributable to his own labors. He passed away in March, 1888, while his wife survived until March 23, 1908, and died at the advanced age of ninety-seven years. In the family of this worthy couple were ten children: Mrs. Smith, of this review; Elizabeth, the wife of John McKenna, of Newark, Ohio; Esther, who is the widow of Benjamin Nichols and makes her home in Newark; Patrick, also a resident of Newark, Ohio; and six who are deceased.

Rose A. McDonell, spending her girlhood days under the parental roof, left her father's home for a home of her own when on the 28th of December, 1857, she gave her hand in marriage to Patrick Smith, a native of County Down, Ireland. He came to the United States when eighteen years of age and first

settled in the state of New York, whence he removed westward in 1853, establishing his home in Ohio. He was afterward roadmaster for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for ten years and then turned his attention to the lumber business, organizing the Smith Lumber Company of Newark and establishing a lumberyard, which he successfully conducted until his death. He carried a large stock of lumber and builders' supplies and had a liberal patronage. His business methods were ever straightforward and reliable and he secured a liberal patronage that enabled him to leave a comfortable competence to his family when death claimed him.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born ten children: William H., a resident of Newark, Ohio; Fannie A., at home; James P., deceased; Frank M., who also makes his home in Newark, Ohio; Catherine E., the wife of A. C. Davis, of Newark, Ohio; Rose J., who has passed away; Olive, a graduate of St. Mary's Academy; Bessie, deceased; and two who have likewise passed away.

The death of the husband and father occurred April 16, 1894, and thus Newark lost one of its representative, reliable and honored business men. He had long figured prominently in its commercial circles and his worth had gained for him the warm friendship of those with whom he came in contact.

Mrs. Smith is now the vice president of the lumber business, which has been incorporated under the name of P. Smith Sons Lumber Company of Newark. The estate also embraces a large lumberyard in Columbus, conducted under the name of the South Side Lumber Company, and two large lumber mills in Tennessee. Through close attention to business, careful management and well directed investment the interests of the company have been increased three-fold since the death of the husband and father. In addition to her interest in the estate, Mrs. Smith owns a fine residence at No. 128 Fifth street in Newark. She and her family are communicants of the Catholic church, to which Mr. Smith also belonged. The family figures prominently in connection with commercial and industrial interests in Newark, possessing and controlling extensive business interests which constitute a feature in the development of the city as well as a source of substantial revenue for the owners.

MOSES GOODRICH.

Although Moses Goodrich has passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, he is still active in the management of his business interests and has given his life to general farming and stock-raising, while the production of potatoes is now a special feature of his farm. He has long lived in this part of the state and his life in its various phases is familiar to his fellowmen and has gained him the high position which he occupies in public regard. His birth occurred January 14, 1836, on his present home farm, three-quarters of a mile north of Main street, in the village of Granville, on the Mount Vernon road. He is a grandson of Stephen Goodrich, who spent his entire life in Connecticut and followed the occupation of farming as a life work. The father, Stephen Goodrich, Jr., was born in Simsbury, Hartford county, Connecticut, in December, 1790, and came to Ohio in the fall of 1812, traveling on foot. He was accom-

panied by a companion and they carried a little package of clothes on their back. Licking county was their objective point and on reaching their destination Stephen Goodrich located on the farm which is now the home of his son Moses. He first bought one hundred acres of land, later invested in another tract of fifty acres and also received one hundred acres from his father, but sold half of that. He thus left at his death a valuable farm property of two hundred acres, which is now in possession of his son Moses and he had other property in Union township, which was inherited by his son George. With characteristic energy Stephen Goodrich began to clear the land and placed most of it under cultivation himself. At the time of his arrival a small tract had been developed and an orchard had been set out. He served for a short time in the war of 1812, but, with the exception of this interruption, his entire life was given to general agricultural pursuits and he transformed his farm property in Licking county into valuable and productive fields, from which he annually gathered rich harvests. His religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church and, as he was a fine reader, he was frequently called upon to read sermons in the absence of a pastor. His political allegiance was given to the whig party until its dissolution, when he joined the ranks of the new republican party, for his sympathies were in accord with its principles. He married Sarah Powell, who was born in Pennsylvania about 1802 and came to Granville about 1809, with her parents, the Rev. Thomas and Mrs. Powell, who were natives of Wales. Her father was a minister of the Baptist church. Mrs. Goodrich continued to reside in this county until her death, which occurred when she had reached the advanced age of eighty-two years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Goodrich were born nine children, six of whom reached years of maturity: Stephen, who died in California; George, living at Valley Falls, Kansas; Mrs. Lydia J. Green, a widow residing in Granville, who with her husband, the Rev. David Green, went as missionaries to Ning-po, China, where they spent ten years, during which time two of their children were born; Moses, of this review; Mrs. Hannah Hillyer, deceased; and Mrs. Laura G. French, who has also passed away.

The youthful days of Moses Goodrich were quietly passed. He worked in the fields during the summer months and in the winter season attended the public schools, remaining in the vicinity of Granville until twenty-six years of age. The Civil war having begun, on the 20th of August, 1862, he responded to the country's call for troops, becoming a member of Company D, One Hundred and Thirtieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He took part in the battles of Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Kenesaw Mountain and Marietta, Georgia, and was with Sherman from the beginning of the Atlanta campaign until the close of the war, participating during that time in the battle of Bentonville, North Carolina. Thus he was often in the thickest of the fight and again was stationed on the lonely picket line, while at different times he participated in the long hard marches and rigorous campaigns that made the lot of the Union soldier a most arduous one. On the 6th of July, 1865, he was mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, having in the meantime participated in every skirmish and battle with his command.

Mr. Goodrich then returned home and resumed general farming. His father died in August, 1865, and he then took charge of the home farm, which he has since owned and cultivated. It is a tract of productive and valuable land of two hundred acres and here he cultivates the cereals best adapted to the soil and climate

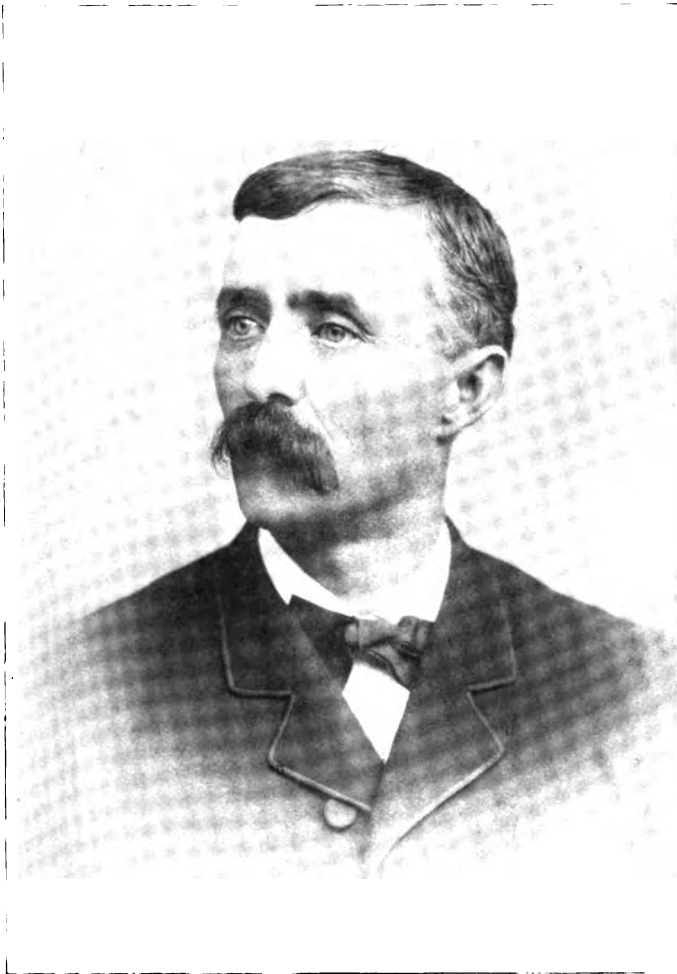
and also raises considerable stock. For the past five years he has likewise made a specialty of cultivating potatoes and gathers a large crop of the tubers annually. This is proving a profitable source of income and indicates his wisdom in thus cultivating his land.

On the 23d of November, 1868, Mr. Goodrich was married to Miss Helen S. Humphrey, who was born February 7, 1837, and died July 30, 1905. She was a daughter of Mathew and Lucilda (Barber) Humphrey and was a graduate of the seminary at North Granville, New York. She afterward engaged in teaching English, French, drawing and painting in the seminary at Granville and the Solomon Sanford School at Cleveland, Ohio. During her childhood days her parents resided at Granville for several years, but afterward returned to Wyoming county, New York, where she was married. She was a lady of many attractive qualities and her many excellent traits of heart and mind endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. The children of this marriage are: Albert D., who married Carrie E. Deitrick and is living in Oakland, California; and Robert R., at home. He married Lydia Wilson of Newark and they have two children, Raymond R. and Herman D. The two grandchildren are the fourth generation of the Goodrich family to have lived in the present home.

In his political views Mr. Goodrich has long been a stalwart republican, casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. For seventeen years he served as trustee of the township, his long continuance in the office indicating in unmistakable terms his fidelity to duty and his genuine worth. The family attend the Presbyterian church and Mr. Goodrich is a member of the Grand Army post, thus maintaining pleasant relations with his old army comrades. He is as true and loyal to his country today as when he followed the old flag upon southern battlefields. In all of his business connections, too, he has been reliable, straightforward and active, and his capable management has placed him with the representative farmers of the locality.

JOSEPH COMISFORD.

Among those who have met with success in agricultural lines is Joseph Comisford, who is well known in Union township, Licking county, where he was born and has always resided, engaged in general farming on the land he now has under cultivation. His parents were Paris P. and Rosa (Gifford) Comisford, natives of the north of Ireland, who on the day after their marriage set sail for the new world, locating in New York, where they spent two years, at the termination of which period they came to Newark, Ohio, where they continued their residence for about two years. They then located on this farm on October 15, 1850, and here spent their remaining days, Mr. Comisford departing this life May 27, 1880, in his sixty-third year, while his wife, who lived to be seventy-three years of age, passed away in 1893. They reared a family of eight children, namely: Andrew T., deceased; Mrs. Katharine Malay, deceased; Mary Green, of Licking township; Mrs. Ellen Haynes, deceased; Henry, who lives in Hebron, Ohio; Joseph; and Margaret Hickey and Clary Davey, both of whom have passed away.



JOSEPH COMISFORD

On his present farm Joseph Comisford was reared and here under the direction of his father he became familiar with the work of tilling the fields. During the winter months he attended the district schools and also pursued his education in Hebron. After completing his studies he continued to till the soil of the old home place, where he has since resided. His farm consists of one hundred and sixty acres, five acres of which is within the corporation limits of Hebron, his farm lying north of the village on the refugee line. In all of his business affairs Mr. Comisford is practical and, in his management of his farming interests, displays sound judgment and keen sagacity. He has studied the nature of the soil, practiced the rotation of crops and has been quite successful in carrying on the farm work. He raises the cereals best adapted to the soil and climate and in addition he also raises some stock, keeping on hand a number of head of fine cattle, sheep and hogs. Aside from his agricultural interests he is concerned in other enterprises. He was one of the original promoters of the Hebron Banking Company and has been a director since its organization.

In his political views Mr. Comisford is independent, never regarding party lines in casting his ballot but considering only the capability of the candidate. He has led a life of intense and well directed energy and has, therefore, accomplished substantial results in his business affairs. Moreover he is thoroughly reliable, his commercial integrity standing as an unquestioned fact in his life.

MRS. SARAH J. (WALTERS) EVANS.

The lady whose name introduces this review was born in Licking county, Ohio, August 3, 1835, her parents being Robert and Hannah (Evans) Walters, who were natives of North and South Wales respectively, and in early life accompanied their respective parents on their emigration to the United States, both locating in Oneida, New York. Subsequently they came to Licking county, Ohio, and here spent the remainder of their lives. Robert Walters, the father of Mrs. Evans, who was a carpenter by trade, walked to Columbus and was employed there during the construction of the state house. Unto him and his wife were born four children, namely: Owen, deceased; Mrs. Evans; and two who died in infancy.

- On the 17th of March, 1863, Sarah J. Walters gave her hand in marriage to Thomas Evans, a native of South Wales and a son of John and Sarah Evans. At an early day he crossed the briny deep to the United States and throughout his active business career was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. His family numbered thirteen children, as follows: Hannah, the wife of E. M. Jones, of Granville, Ohio; John, of Newark; Owen, of Granville; Sarah, the wife of F. B. Keller, of Newark township; Robert W., at home; Margaret, who has passed away; Thomas, likewise at home; four who died in infancy; Mary, the wife of Perry S. Kelley, of Newark township; and Anna, who is also still under the parental roof.

Politically Mr. Evans was a staunch republican, but had no desire for the honors or emoluments of office. On the 24th of May, 1907, he was called to his final rest, his demise being deeply mourned by his wife and children, as well as

by the extensive circle of friends he had made during the many years of his residence in this county. Mrs. Evans now owns four houses and lots in Newark, Ohio, and is one of the venerable and highly respected ladies of Licking county, where she has spent her entire life. Her mind forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present and she relates many interesting incidents of early pioneer days, when the settlers experienced all of the hardships and privations of life in a sparsely inhabited and undeveloped district. Like her husband, she has gained a large circle of warm friends, who esteem her highly for her many good traits of heart and mind.

WILLIAM WORDSWORTH GARD.

Few men are more prominent or more widely known in the enterprising city of Newark than William Wordsworth Gard, for, although he has resided here for but a comparatively brief period, he figures prominently in business circles as the cashier of the Park National Bank and has, moreover, attractive personal qualities which have gained for him a rapidly growing circle of friends. He was born in Columbus, Ohio, May 3, 1876, a son of Daniel Hosmer and Ella E. (Rider) Gard, natives of Ohio and Massachusetts respectively. The father filled the responsible and arduous position of telegraph operator for General Thomas in the Civil war, remaining with him in that capacity until hostilities were brought to an end. He was one of the early telegraph operators of the country and, in 1866, went to Columbus, Ohio, where he erected the telegraph lines for the Hocking Valley railroad, with which company he was associated for twenty-seven years, becoming its superintendent of telegraph. He also installed the lines for the Western Union Telegraph Company in Columbus and has been prominently identified with the promotion of the telegraphic systems of this part of the country. He was connected with an event which attracted wide spread attention in railroad circles and in which he displayed marked enterprise and discernment. He went from the Hocking Valley railroad to the Missouri Pacific, which he and J. S. Leeds represented as traffic managers. Together they went to San Francisco to fight the Southern Pacific, continuing the opposition until they got a right of way into the city, previously the Southern Pacific having had exclusive control under republican administration. Messrs. Gard and Leeds then organized two steamship lines, one from San Francisco to Panama and one from Panama to New York, for the purpose of carrying freight at cheaper rates than the railroads. His work in this connection won the approval not only of the specific road which he represented but of others as well who were glad to see the domination of the Southern Pacific broken in its selfish control of a western terminal point.

After many years' active connection with the railroad and telegraphic interests, Mr. Gard is now living retired in Columbus. William Wordsworth Gard was educated in the schools of the capital city and in the University of California, at Berkeley, where he spent three years, during which time he was a resident of Alameda, California. He then returned to Columbus and entered upon his banking career as messenger of the Ohio National Bank. His ability, worth and fidelity

led to his promotion until he became loan and discount teller, resigning that position in February, 1905, to assist in the organization of the Lincoln Savings Bank of Columbus, which he opened for business, acting as its cashier for one year. On the expiration of that period he resigned to become cashier of the Licking County Bank & Trust Company of Newark, with which he remained until June 1, 1907. Again he resigned, this time to organize the Guardian Savings & Trust Company of Newark, which was converted into the Park National Bank July 6, 1908. This institution has a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars and a surplus of ten thousand dollars and is starting under very favorable circumstances, having already a volume of business which is gratifying. The company has erected a new and magnificent bank building, supplied with every modern equipment and constituting one of the features of architectural adornment in the city. The officers are A. G. Wyeth, president; A. R. Lindorf, vice president; and William W. Gard, cashier. Mr. Gard is widely known in banking circles and has been very successful in the organization of a number of paying banking institutions. He thoroughly understands the business in every detail and his work has constituted a valuable element in business development.

On the 16th of June, 1908, Mr. Gard was married to Miss Mabel Phillips of Newark. He is well known in fraternal circles, being a past grand chancellor of Junia lodge, I. O. O. F., of Columbus, a thirty-second degree Mason and a noble of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Ohio Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, for he traces his ancestry back to those who were patriots of the Continental army, while others of the name have served in the different wars in which the country has been engaged, Mr. Gard of this review becoming a first sergeant of Battery H, Ohio Volunteers in the Spanish-American war. Interested in all matters of general progress, his attention, however, is chiefly given to his business duties, which are capably conducted. Tireless energy, keen perception, honesty of purpose and a genius for devising the right thing at the right time, are numbered among his salient characteristics, and while he has advanced his own interests he also belongs to that class of representative American men who promote the general prosperity in enhancing their individual success.

CARL E. EVANS, M. D.

Carl E. Evans is one of the younger members of the medical fraternity of Licking county, yet his years do not seem a bar to his success, for he has been accorded a patronage that many an older physician might well envy. He was born in this city August 9, 1879, and represents one of the old families of the county, his father, John Q. Evans, being a native of Granville township. His grandfather, David Evans, came from Wales about 1840 and took up his abode in this country, following the occupation of farming here. His son, John Q. Evans, was educated in Denison University and afterward engaged in mercantile pursuits in Newark, being associated with the commercial life and upbuilding of the city until his death, which occurred in 1885 when he was thirty-eight years of age. He wedded Maria Jones, a native of Granville township, Licking county, and a

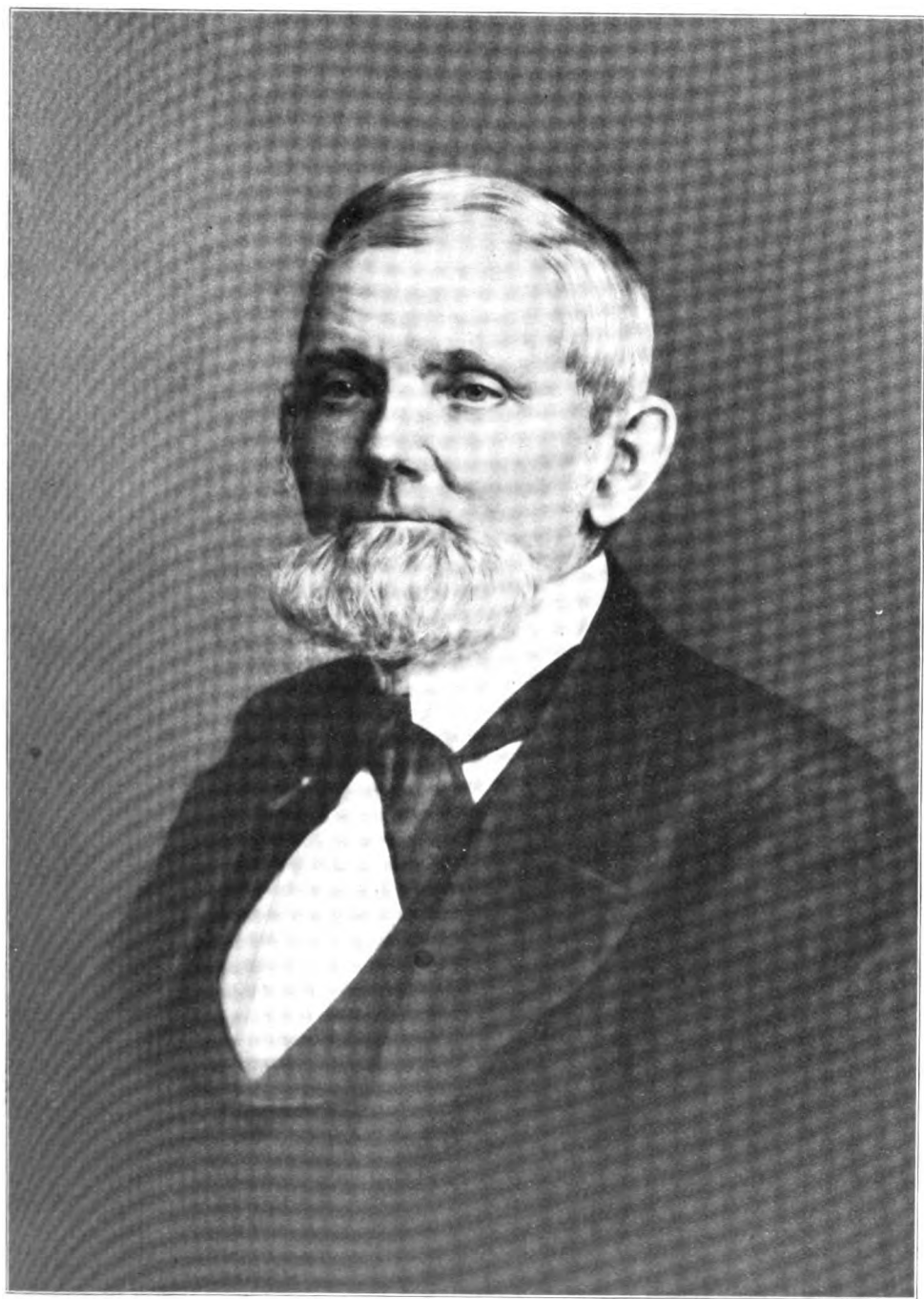
daughter of John Jones, who was likewise born in the little rock-ribbed country of Wales, whence he made his way to the United States and settled in Licking county when it was still a frontier district. He was a stone mason by trade and did work on the construction of some of the principal buildings in Newark.

As boy and youth Dr. Evans remained in this city, mastering the different branches of learning taught in the successive grades of the public schools until he was graduated from the high school in 1898. He entered upon his business career as an employe in the Roe Emerson clothing store, spending some time there while still in school. He also worked for that firm during the periods of vacation when a college student, and in that way earned the money which enabled him to prosecute his education. Believing that he would find the practice of medicine congenial and profitable he took up the study when eighteen years of age, but it was long prior to this time that he had determined to make it his life work. In 1903 he was graduated from the Ohio Medical University, and in May of the same year opened his office in Newark, where he has since remained in general practice. That his fellow citizens regard his work worthy of a liberal patronage is indicated by the gratifying success that he has attained. He is now the family physician in many households here, and in addition to his private practice is serving on the medical staff of the Newark Hospital. His membership relations in professional lines are with the county, state and national medical associations.

In February, 1904, Dr. Evans was married to Miss Edna V. Frederick, a native of Coshocton county and a daughter of Robert C. Frederick, who for many years was a merchant in Johnstown, Licking county, but is now deceased. Dr. Evans belongs to Acme Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and to the Masonic chapter and council. He is also connected with the Modern Woodmen and other societies, and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Baptist church. His popularity results from his good will, his genial manner, and his friendly spirit. He has always lived in Newark, and his upright life is attested by the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those with whom he has been acquainted from his boyhood days to the present time.

ISAAC W. BRIGGS.

Isaac W. Briggs, who resides a half-mile south of Snyder's Crossing in Etna township, is now conducting a first class dairy and is meeting with excellent success. He has a fine herd of Jersey cows and also raises considerable stock. He was born in St. Albans township, November 25, 1860, a son of Richard and Sarah (Owens) Briggs. His father was born in Stratfordshire, Great Bridge, England, March 28, 1815, and came to the new world with his wife and two sons, settling in Granville, this county, in 1848. His wife was a native of Wales, where her birth occurred in 1816, and she departed this life on their farm in this county, August 12, 1887, her husband having survived her by sixteen years, his death occurring November 4, 1903. 1850 when the gold excitement was enthusing the people of the country and they were crossing the plains by hundreds enroute for California, he repaired to that state by way of the Isthmus and spent three years



RICHARD BRIGGS

there mining, at the expiration of that time returning to Granville where he passed the remainder of his days in the pursuit of agriculture. Prior to this he was a furnace man, working in blast furnaces. He possessed over three hundred acres of land which was divided into three farms, one of them containing one hundred and seventy-two acres; another ninety-five acres; and the third fifty-nine and one-half acres, all of which were located in Lima township. He was very successful in the various departments of agriculture and was well known throughout the county as a stock breeder. His political support was given to the democracy and he was a worthy man and most highly respected citizen. In his family were eight children, namely: Sarah, who departed this life in Wales when fourteen years of age; Mary, who died in infancy in Wales; Richard, who served in Company D, Twenty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, his death having occurred June 12, 1908; John, deceased, who was a soldier in Company D, One Hundred and Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and lost his life during the Civil war in 1863; Edward J., who resides in this township; Joseph, who died in April, 1905, leaving his widow and three children, Harry, William and Daisy; David, who departed this life in 1876 in his fifteenth year; and Isaac W.

Isaac W. Briggs went with his parents when five years of age to a farm in Lima township, which he cultivated for some years. During his boyhood days he made himself familiar with the various departments of agriculture under the instruction of his father and also acquired his education in the district schools. His farm consisted of eighty-six acres, and while it is not large every foot of ground was under cultivation. Considerable attention having been given to the soil, its properties were conserved and its yielding power as a whole was greater than that of many farms which contain a larger number of acres. General farming commanded his attention and at the same time he was interested in stock-raising, buying and breeding the best specimens, which he shipped to near-by markets. In February, 1909, he sold his place in Lima township and removed to Etna township, where he is now engaged extensively and profitably in the dairy business, having a fine herd of Jersey cows. He also successfully carries on general farming.

In 1888 he wedded Miss Lily B. Puffer, a native of Union township, where her birth occurred April 22, 1870, and a daughter of George W. and Alice (Myer) Puffer, natives of this county. Her father served in the Civil war in the Seventeenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was born in Union township, near Hebron, on January 11, 1845, and resided in the county until a few years ago when he took up residence in the Soldiers' Home, at Sandusky, this state. Prior to the Civil war he engaged in farming, and at the opening of that conflict, in 1861, he enlisted from this county in Company D, Seventeenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served for eight months. At the conclusion of his military service he returned to his farm and continued the pursuit of agriculture, dealing extensively in stock of all kinds until he retired two years ago. He is a staunch democrat, being a firm believer in the free trade policies of the platform of his party, the principles of which he deems entirely adequate to preserve the integrity of the free institutions of the nation and the liberty of its people. He has always voted the democratic ticket, and during campaigns does what he can to enable the can-

didates of his party to obtain the offices they seek. As to his religious convictions, he holds membership with that denomination known as the Disciples of Christ, because he believes in the restoration of apostolic Christianity which knows no creed but the Bible and which acknowledges but one faith, one Lord and one baptism. His parents were Elhanen and Jemima (Price) Puffer, his father having been a native of Vermont and his mother of Virginia, and the Puffer and Price families were among the early settlers of this county. At one time Elhanen Puffer owned a large farm near the reservoir where he carried on agriculture until his death, which occurred when he was still a young man. His widow afterward wedded George Baumgardner. By her first husband she had three children, Jacob, George W. and Elhanen, and by her second husband seven children, namely: Sarah, Anna, John, Mary, Lemuel, Henry and Eliza. George W. Puffer was united in marriage to Alice Myer, whose birth occurred in Plain township, Franklin county, in 1848, and who now resides in Kirkersville. She was a daughter of Thomas and Jane (Morrison) Myer, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of New Jersey. They were among the early settlers of this part of Ohio. In their family were six children, namely: Calista, Alice, Uri, Sabra, Nancy and Celia. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Puffer had nine children, namely: Elhanen, who resides near Hebron, this state; Lily B.; Hilton, who died in his fourth year; William, who lives in Kirkersville; John, who resides near Hebron; Mima, who departed this life in infancy; Maude, wife of Nelson Palmer, residing at Summit Station; Clara, who became the wife of Linzy Carlisle, of Hebron; and Georgie, the wife of Willis Barcus, of Columbus, Ohio.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Briggs: Sarah Alice, who became the wife of Harry E. Butts, living in St. Albans township; Mary Ellen, who departed this life in infancy; Ruth Lee; John; Georgia May; Walter D.; and Harley Nelson. Mr. Briggs is highly respected throughout the community, always conducting himself in such a manner as to deserve the confidence of his neighbors, and being industrious and enterprising and a man who takes considerable interest in the welfare of those around him, and at the same time whose thrift and industry has given him considerable prosperity, he is among the township's most substantial and representative citizens.

WILLIAM C. HALL.

William C. Hall lives on the farm where his parents settled almost three-quarters of a century ago. They were Thomas G. and Ann (Crosley) Hall, both of whom were natives of England. The father was born in Staffordshire, in 1813; came to this country in 1840 and settled in Licking county, Ohio. In 1842 he purchased a tract of land, which was mostly covered with timber, located in Newark township on the Granville road, two miles west of Newark. In 1847 Mr. Hall was united in marriage to Ann Crosley, who came with her parents from England in 1832, locating in Newark, New Jersey, and in 1840 moved to Granville, Ohio. Thomas G. Hall and his wife immediately settled on the farm where they spent the remainder of their lives. To this union were born three sons and three

daughters, two of the latter having passed away in infancy, while the third daughter, Ella, departed this life in her sixteenth year. The three sons still survive, namely: Edward, who lives on his farm near Galena, Delaware county, Ohio; William C., who lives on the old home farm; and Frank D., a druggist of Newark, Ohio. Thomas G. died in 1871, while his wife passed away in 1906.

W. C. Hall was united in marriage to Martha J. McMillen, daughter of John W. McMillen, of Newark township. To this union was born one daughter, Mary C. Mr. Hall and his family are Presbyterians, being members of the Second Presbyterian church of Newark. The principles of the Republican party have always appealed to Mr. Hall as advocating the best policies by which the permanent prosperity of the nation might be best established and maintained, and its financial status placed upon a firm foundation, and consequently he gives his vote to the candidates of his party.

CARL NORPELL.

Professional circles in Newark find a worthy representative in Carl Norpell, one of the native sons of the city, who is now practicing law here, with a large and distinctively representative clientage. He was born April 6, 1862, a son of Conrad and Mary Louise (Pfaff) Norpell, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Switzerland. The father's birth occurred in Baden, and in September, 1849, he arrived in the United States, for the opportunities which he had heard were offered in America proved so attractive that he resolved to try his fortunes in this country. He never had occasion to regret his determination to emigrate to the new world. Taking up his abode in Licking county he became identified with its industrial interests and worked at his trade until seventy-eight years of age. He became superintendent of the New Jersey Zinc Works, and filled that position until he reached the designated age, when he retired from active business life and returned to Licking county, in 1897, here remaining until his death, which occurred in July, 1906, when he was eighty-seven years of age. For three decades he had survived his wife, who passed away in 1876.

Carl Norpell was only two years of age when the family came to Newark, and was educated in public and private schools of this city. He then determined to engage in the practice of law as a life work, and in 1875 entered the office of Judge Buckingham, who directed his reading until his admission to the bar in 1877. He afterward remained in the judge's office until 1897, but has since practiced alone. His ability as a lawyer is widely acknowledged for he is careful and thorough in the preparation of his cases and presents them with a clearness and force that leaves no doubt as to the correctness of his position or of his understanding of the legal principles applicable to the points in litigation.

In 1885 Mr. Norpell was married to Miss Adeline M. Bradley, a native of Bay City, Michigan, and they have four children: Max B., Louise, Jerome Buckingham, and Helen. They also lost one child in infancy. The parents hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and are loyal to its teachings and earnest in their advocacy of that faith. In politics Mr. Norpell is a republican,

active in the work of the party, which has benefited by his labors and counsels. He has served as one of the aldermen of the city and is now one of the trustees for the school for the deaf, having been appointed by Governor Nash and reappointed by Governor Herrick and again by Governor Harris. His public service is characterized by unfaltering devotion to duty, while his loyalty to his client's interests is proverbial and this, combined with his comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence, makes him one of the successful members of the Newark bar.

FRED C. EVANS.

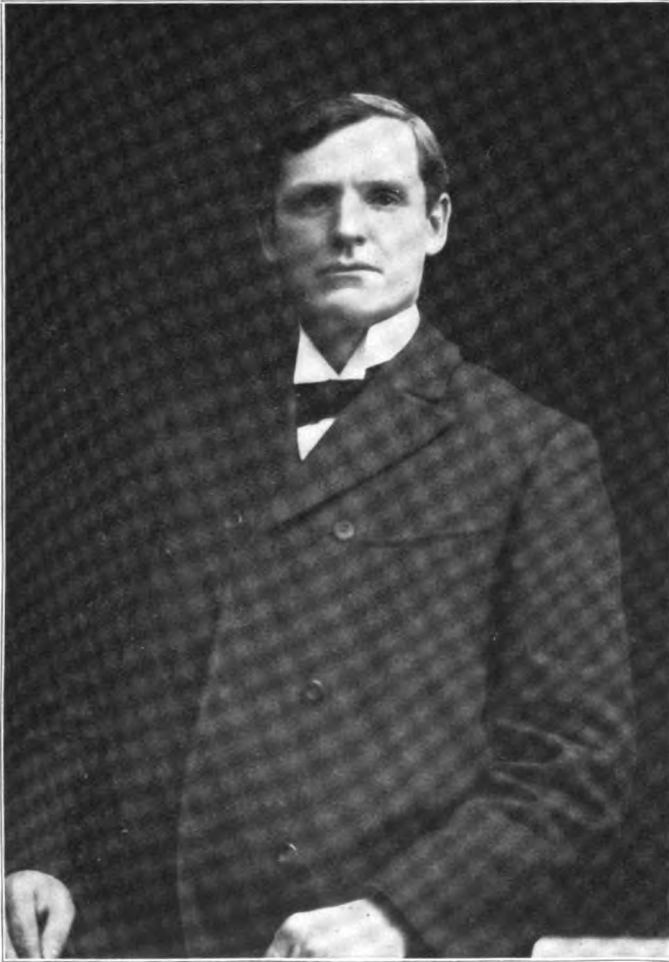
Fred C. Evans, whose real-estate operations have been directly beneficial to the city in its substantial upbuilding and improvement, belongs to that class of men who owe their success directly to their own labors. By perseverance, determination and honorable effort he has overcome the obstacles that always pave the path to prosperity and has gone on and on in his business career until he is now controlling extensive and profitable operations in real-estate lines.

Mr. Evans is a native of Perry township, born on the 5th of June, 1866. His father, Captain Zebulon P. Evans, was a native of the same township where his grandfather, John Evans, settled on coming to the county. He was a native of Wales and with his parents crossed the Atlantic to the new world, residing for a short time in Muskingum county, Ohio, after which removal was made to Licking county. The family were farming people and were closely identified with the substantial agricultural development of this part of the state. Zebulon P. Evans was here reared to farm life when Licking county was a frontier district. He became a member of Company A, Seventy-sixth Regiment of Ohio Volunteers at the time of the Civil war, serving from 1861 until the close of hostilities. His loyalty and meritorious conduct on the field of battle won him promotion to the rank of captain and his valor and bravery inspired his men to equal tasks of courage. When the war was over he returned home and afterward married Miss Julia Lemert, also a native of Perry township and a representative of one of the old pioneer families of the county, Lemert Post, G. A. R., being named in honor of the family. Following their marriage Captain and Mrs. Evans took up their abode on the farm in Perry township, where Captain Evans died in 1871.

Fred C. Evans was educated in the country schools and in Curry Institute, Pittsburg. He was also graduated from the normal school at Defiance, Ohio, and thus with good mental training entered upon his business career, serving for six months as a clerk in the employ of William A. Kenast of Defiance, Ohio. He afterward located on the home farm, which he operated for his mother until 1890, when he came to Newark and secured a clerkship with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. After two and a half years spent in that capacity, he engaged in the real-estate business and has since been engaged in the purchase and sale of property and in speculative building. In 1905 he added the plumbing and plumbing supply business, and thus in various lines is closely associated with



CAPTAIN Z. P. EVANS



FRED C. EVANS

the commercial and industrial activity of the city. His efforts have not only been a source of gratifying revenue to himself but have also constituted an important feature in the city's growth and upbuilding. He has opened up three additions, including the Fred C. Evans first addition on the west end; a second addition, at the corner of Church and Eighth streets, of what was the old Flory homestead; and a third addition of what was formerly the Charles G. Penney property. Mr. Evans has negotiated many important realty transfers and in addition to handling property he has erected a number of residences, thus transforming unsightly vacancies into well improved property.

On the 2d of October, 1901, Mr. Evans was married to Miss Velma Virginia Trembley, a native of Indiana. They are prominent socially and are numbered among the consistent members of the Second Presbyterian church. Mr. Evans has contributed generously to the support of the church and takes an active interest in religious work, being now treasurer and vice president of the Newark Young Men's Christian Association. He is also a director of the Board of Trade where he has given his aid and influence toward securing locations of various industrial concerns in Newark, thus contributing to the welfare of the city. Socially he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in Newark Lodge No. 97 and the Commandery. He thoroughly enjoys home life and takes great pleasure in the society of his friends. He is always courteous, kindly and affable, and those who know him personally have for him warm regard. His life is exemplary in all respects and he is a supporter of those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity, while his own high moral worth is deserving of highest commendation.

JOSEPH MESSENGER.

A long residence and an upright life well entitled Joseph Messenger to prominent and honorable mention in the history of Licking county. His birth occurred in this county September 2, 1825, and throughout his entire life he remained within its borders, neglectful of no duties of citizenship, while in all his private relations he manifested the sterling traits of character which in every land and clime awaken confidence and regard. His parents were Campbell and Charlotte (Wilcox) Messenger, who arrived in this county in 1805, with the colony from Granville, Massachusetts. Campbell Messenger had made the trip with his parents, who settled north of the village of Granville. His father, David Messenger, had served as a soldier of the Revolutionary war, valiantly aiding the colonists in their struggle for independence. On the home farm Campbell Messenger remained until after the outbreak of the war of 1812, when he, too, joined the army and aided in defending American liberties against the second attack of the English. He was one of a family of seven children: David, Campbell, Grove, Forest, Cynthia, Harriet and Hannah. Grove, who was a member of General Hull's army at the time of his surrender, was never heard of after that. He had previously married an aunt of General McPherson and they had two sons, Frederick and William, both now deceased. All four of the brothers were serving in the American army

under Hull at the time of his surrender. Having arrived at years of maturity, Campbell Messenger devoted his life to general agricultural pursuits and remained a factor in the progress and development of the county during its early formative period and also in the epoch of its later advancement. He wedded Charlotte Wilcox and their children were Cynthia, Joseph, Martha and Madison. The last named was killed in the battle of Chickamauga.

Reared to the occupation of farming, Joseph Messenger early became familiar with the arduous task of developing and cultivating a new tract of land. He was yet a young man when he learned the cooper's and carpenter's trades and after working in mechanical lines for a time he turned his attention to farming, cultivating a rich tract of land. He worked diligently and persistently to improve his property and made it one of the valuable farms of the community, having two hundred and twenty acres which he brought under a state of rich fertility.

Joseph Messenger was united in marriage to Miss Martha Alward, who was born in this county July 23, 1829. For many years they traveled life's journey together, but Mrs. Messenger still survives her husband and now resides on the home farm in Union township with her sons. Her birth occurred in Harrison township and her parents were Ezra and Rosalinda (Williams) Alward, who were natives of New Jersey and were married in Jersey, Licking county, Ohio. Mr. Alward had come to this county with his parents in 1815, while his future wife arrived in 1816. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Messenger were born five children: John, now living in St. Albans township; George, who is living on the home place in Union township; Mrs. Nettie Fisher, deceased; Alice, the widow of Frank M. Alward; and Frank, who is living on the home farm with his mother in Union township. The death of the husband and father occurred September 21, 1900. He had for almost seventy-five years been a resident of the county and was classed with its worthy and respected citizens and honored for his genuine worth and his upright principles. He was never known to take advantage of the necessities of another in any business transaction and in all matters of citizenship his influence was found on the side of substantial improvement. He voted with the republican party and held a number of minor offices, the duties of which he discharged with promptness and fidelity. He was a member of the Granville Presbyterian church during the greater part of his life and lived in close harmony with its teachings.

FRANK M. ALWARD,

who married Alice, daughter of Joseph Messenger, was born May 18, 1846, on the farm where his widow now resides. His parents were James A. and Katherine (Doty) Alward. The former was born near Morristown, New Jersey, December 8, 1808, and in 1815 was brought by his parents to this county, the family home being established in Granville on the Columbus road near Pataskala. On the 21st of February, 1836, James A. Alward wedded Mary Nichol, but she lived only a short time. On the 9th of June, 1839, he wedded Katharine Doty and removed to the old home farm in Union township, upon which he spent his remaining days, passing away here after a residence of forty-seven years upon the place. He was a man of good business ability, of keen

discrimination and unfaltering enterprise and as the years passed he prospered in his undertakings, becoming the owner of between seven and eight hundred acres of valuable land, which at the time it came into his possession was a forest tract, but his labors transformed it into rich and productive fields. In 1837 he became a member of the Granville Presbyterian church, with which he was associated until his death as one of its devoted and faithful members. His wife passed away about 1886, at the age of seventy-four years. In their family were **four** sons and six daughters, of whom two sons and four daughters are now living.

On the home farm Frank M. Alward spent his entire life, giving his attention to general agricultural pursuits. He had one hundred and ninety acres of land that responded readily to the care and labor which he bestowed upon it. It was a part of the old family homestead, which originally contained five hundred acres. Year after year he tilled his fields and tended his stock and in all of his business affairs displayed the sound judgment which brought him a creditable and gratifying measure of prosperity.

On the 28th of October, 1896, Mr. Alward was married to Miss Alice Messenger, who was born in Union township, July 13, 1859. Unto them was born a son, James Francis, now eleven years of age. The death of Mr. Alward occurred January 25, 1901, and occasioned deep and widespread regret throughout the county and came as an irreparable loss to his family. In politics he had always been a democrat and had held some local offices, in which he had ever been most faithful. He belonged to the Presbyterian church of Granville and had builded for himself an upright, honorable character that made his worth widely acknowledged. He was progressive in citizenship and loyal in friendship, but his best traits of character were ever reserved for his own home and fireside.

H. LORENZO SIMPSON.

H. Lorenzo Simpson is the owner of a fine farm property comprising ninety acres, and in addition to his operation of this place he is also employed as agent at Weiant Station by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company. He is a native son of the Buckeye state, born in Muskingum county, November 11, 1869, a son of Henry Clay and Amanda (Rickner) Simpson, both of whom were natives of Licking county. With the exception of a residence of about eight years in Muskingum county, their entire lives were passed in this county and the father followed agricultural pursuits in Hanover township to the time of his death, which occurred in 1881, while the mother, who survived for a long period, passed to her final reward in 1901.

H. Lorenzo Simpson spent the period of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and was quite young when brought by his parents to Licking county, so that practically his entire life has here been spent. He acquired his education in the public schools, studying for one term in the Granville school. For six years he was telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania railroad. Then he took up the study of veterinary surgery and after his graduation followed the profession for six years and still gives some attention to the same, although for the past nine

years his time has been largely taken up with his duties as telegraph operator at Weiant Station. He is also the owner of a good farm of ninety acres, situated in Madison township, which he operates. While he leads a very busy life, finding few leisure hours, he yet enjoys rest and recreation in the duties which occupy his time in connection with the farm after the completion of his work at the keys.

Mr. Simpson was married June 24, 1890, to Miss Georgia Ellis, a daughter of George Ellis, now deceased. Their marriage has been blessed with two sons: Stanley, now a high-school student in Newark; and Loren, who attends the preparatory school of that city.

Mr. Simpson's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give stalwart support to the republican party and he served as assessor of Madison township for two terms, while at the present time he is the efficient township treasurer. He is a valued member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He possesses marked business ability and firm purpose and in this lies the secret of his present prosperity.

JACOB KUHNS.

Jacob Kuhns, who is numbered among the prosperous and progressive agriculturists of Union township, Licking county, and who is a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Walnut township, Fairfield county, Ohio, February 18, 1832, and is a son of George and Katherine (Smith) Kuhns. His father and mother were natives of Maryland, the former of Hagarstown, the latter of Baltimore, and in that state they were reared and married. To Fairfield county they came about the year 1825 and there spent the remainder of their lives. George Kuhns was a shoemaker and although at one time he owned a good farm he left it to follow his trade and continued the occupation of shoemaking until his death. In their family were eight children: John, who has not been heard from since going west; James, deceased; William; George; Jacob; Rebecca; Elizabeth; and one who died in infancy.

The greater portion of his life Jacob Kuhns spent in his native county where he aided in tilling the fields and in the district school acquired his education. After the Civil war broke out he enlisted, in December, 1861, in Company F, First Ohio Cavalry, under Captain Valentine Cupp and took part in twenty-eight regular engagements. He remained throughout the war with the same regiment as fourth sergeant and was honorably discharged after the battle of Jonesboro, having served three years and two months, the muster out taking place at Columbia, Tennessee.

Returning to Fairfield county, Mr. Kuhns remained there until thirty-two years ago when he came to Union township, where he engaged for fifteen years in brick-making, which enterprise he finally gave up and bought a farm. This was his first experience in farming but nevertheless he has been quite successful and has become well known as a stock breeder, dealing in hogs and sheep. His place is located near Luray on the pike and is known as the Cunningham farm. His home is as fine a residence as there is in the township. Mr. Kuhns devotes



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his attention principally to the raising of grain, while at the same time he takes some interest in stock breeding. His life as an agriculturist has been attended with prosperity, and he now owns three hundred and twenty-one acres of good land in Licking county. The home farm comprises one hundred and fifty-one acres, and he is also the possessor of a one hundred and thirty acre tract in close proximity to the home place, and forty acres of pasture land some little distance to the north. Among other interests with which he is identified is the Hebron Banking Company, of which he is a stockholder.

On January 29, 1868, Kuhns wedded Mrs. Tabitha Gill Lamb, widow of Peter Lamb, and a native of Fairfield county, born August 29, 1831. She was a daughter of Nicholas and Mary Lamb, and by her first marriage she had two children, Peter, deceased, and Ida. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Kuhns are: Della, who is the wife of Marshall Embrey, who assists her father on the farm, and they have three children, Helen, Raymond and Nicholas G.; Lillian, who became the wife of Mack Pugh, and they have six children—Sarah, Frederick, Edward, Mary, Tabitha and Jacob, the family residing on a farm owned by her father; and Thomas, who completes the family.

Mr. Kuhns has been a lifelong democrat and although he has never aspired to public office he is thoroughly convinced of the wisdom and utility of the principles of his party and always supports its candidates. He maintains fraternal relations with his old army comrades through his connection with Newark Post, G. A. R. He is favorably known throughout the community for the part he has taken in developing its interests and, being prominent in agricultural circles and straightforward in all his dealings, he is not only a substantial but also a representative citizen of the township.

JOHN F. WILLIAMS.

Since the spring of 1858 John F. Williams has resided on the farm in Hanover township, which is now his home. The neat and thrifty appearance of the place indicates his careful supervision and untiring labor. On the 29th of May, 1833, he was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, a son of John R. and Elizabeth (Fowler) Williams, the former a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Coshocton county. In 1807 John R. Williams came to Ohio with his parents, Richard and Elizabeth Williams, being at that time but five years of age. The family home was established on a farm in Coshocton county, where he was reared to manhood, and then determining to follow as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared, he took up farming on his own account, and employed it as a source of livelihood throughout his remaining days. He was, however, a natural mechanic and could do anything with tools. In the earlier days he did much work in cabinet making and millwrighting. His early political allegiance was given to the democratic party, but its radical views, during the days of political unrest and revolution at the time of the Civil war, cut him off from the democratic party and he became one of the active members of the newly organized republican party, and thereafter stanchly advocated its principles and

gave to it loyal support. He was, however, never ambitious for office, preferring to do his public service as a private citizen. He cooperated in many movements for the public good, and his influence was always on the side of right and improvement. He belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church in early manhood, but on the organization of the Methodist Protestant church gave the weight of his influence to the new organization, and was one of the active supporters of the church and Sabbath school work for many years. He also took an advanced stand in the temperance question, and was one of the first to advocate abolishing the whiskey jug from the harvest field. Others claimed that he could not secure workers if he did, but he proved otherwise, for he soon had all of the best help he wanted. His life was at all times honorable and upright, and his influence was on the side of justice, truth, reform and progress. He lived to the venerable age of eighty-five years, while his wife lived to the very advanced age of ninety-three years, spending her last days in the home of one of her sons at Columbus. Her father, Richard Fowler, was a native of Maryland, and became one of the early settlers of Coshocton county, Ohio. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812, and as he was always known as Captain Fowler, it is presumed that he held a captain's commission during his military service.

John F. Williams was reared on the home farm and acquired his education in the common schools, and also at West Bedford Academy. He engaged in teaching three terms of school, but during the greater part of his life has given his undivided attention to agricultural pursuits. In 1855, when but twenty-three years of age, he was nominated and elected to the office of county recorder of Coshocton county, as a candidate of the republican party which had been organized only the preceding year, and it was not until the following year that the general organization was consummated. Between his nomination and the election he was married and began his domestic life in Coshocton. In the spring of 1858, however, he purchased two hundred and twelve acres of his present farm in Licking county, and in April of that year resigned his office to remove to his new home. He is still known as "the man who resigned a county office in Coshocton county." He has continued to reside on his farm for more than half a century, and has been very successful in his agricultural enterprises, being today one of the substantial men of Hanover township. He has kept abreast of the work of advancement as manifest in agricultural lines, using the latest improved machinery and the most modern methods for carrying on farm work.

On the 11th of September, 1855, Mr. Williams was joined in wedlock to Miss Amelia Ann Sidle, a daughter of Cornelius Sidle, a prominent farmer of Muskingum county. Of this marriage were born four children, of whom three are still living, namely: Jessie Louise, the widow of William Montgomery, of Emporia, Kansas; Rebecca S., the wife of John F. Powell, a farmer of Coshocton county; and John C., who is assisting in managing the home farm.

In politics Mr. Williams is still a staunch republican, having never swerved in his allegiance to the party and its principles. He served for seven years as a member of the school board, but has never been actuated in his party fidelity by desire for public office. On the contrary he has preferred to give his undivided attention to his business affairs, and in the capable control of his farming interests has met with signal success. He is an active member of the Methodist Prot-

estant church and is one of the church trustees. He was secretary of the Licking County Sabbath School Association for many years, being president of the same organization for a short time. He has made it a point to attend all the conventions of this association. His name is an honored one throughout the county for in all business and social relations he has been true to every manly principle.

THOMAS D. OWENS.

Thomas D. Owens, who owns and operates a large farm in Newark township, this county, and is a descendant of that excellent type of Welsh character which has done so much in the direction of uplifting the moral tone of our civilization and developing our commercial enterprises, was born in Granville township, April 17, 1848, a son of John R. and Ann (Jones) Owens, natives of Wales, who entered into rest here at the ages of seventy-one and eighty-seven years, respectively, Mr. Owens having departed this life in 1881, his wife surviving until the year 1904. At the age of twenty-one years he left his native land for the United States, landing in New York city, where for a period of ten years he was employed, and, having been a man of modest habits, he saved the greater portion of his earnings, and in course of time had accumulated sufficient means with which to purchase a farm, and, upon coming to Granville township, this county, he bought fifty acres of land, which he kept under cultivation all his life. In his family were four sons, namely: Robert, who resides on the home place in Granville township; David, who also lives there; John, a practicing physician of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Thomas D.

Thomas D. Owens was reared on the old homestead, acquiring his knowledge of the art of agriculture under the supervision of his father and his education in the district schools, and under the parental roof he remained until about thirty-seven years ago, when he located on the farm he now cultivates in this township, where he has since resided. His farm originally consisted of one hundred and sixty acres, in the harvests of which he met with such splendid success as to enable him recently to add an additional one hundred and seventy acres to his farm, the entire tract being provided with all necessary improvements by way of buildings and fencing, and here, while he carries on general farming and stock raising to some extent, he makes a specialty of the dairy business, which is perhaps the most lucrative department of the enterprise.

In January, 1882, Mr. Owens wedded Hannah Jones, a native of this township, and a daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Evans) Jones, and to this union have been born four children, namely: Richard, Wilfred, Mary and Elizabeth, all of whom reside with their parents. Mr. Owens devotes his entire attention to his various farming interests, in which he evidences considerable pride, and consequently he has not found time to devote to secret orders or fraternal organizations, preferring rather to devote what little leisure he can afford to the enjoyment of domestic life. His theology is stoutly Calvinistic, believing the articles of the Westminster Confession of Faith to be a correct interpretation of the teachings of the Old and New Testaments, and he is a faithful member of the Second Presby-

terian church, in which for a number of years he has performed the duties of an elder. Mr. Owens' daily conduct being in keeping with the tenets of his faith, he is a good and worthy citizen, and deserves the respect and confidence which have always been extended to him by the citizens of the township.

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS CASTLE.

Although William Augustus Castle is now eighty-five years of age he is still an active factor in business affairs, giving general supervision to his farming and stock-raising interests. A life of well directed activity has brought him creditable success and has gained for him an enviable position in the regard of friends and neighbors. He was born in Jericho, Vermont, July 26, 1824, a son of Augustus and Almira (Lane) Castle, who were likewise natives of the Green Mountain state, the father's birth having occurred July 9, 1791, while the mother was born on the 9th of March, 1795. They were married October 31, 1816, and remained residents of New England for about fourteen years thereafter, when they came to Ohio with their family. William A. Castle was then a little lad of six years. It was in the winter of 1830 and they traveled by sleigh seven hundred and fifty miles to Ashtabula county, Ohio. When they had reached that point on their journey they found it impossible to proceed by sleigh because there was no longer snow and for six months they remained in Ashtabula county, where the father rented land and raised a crop, but in the fall of the same year continued on his way to Licking county. During the first winter he rented a house on a farm adjoining the old homestead but in the spring of 1831 settled upon the farm, which has since been the property of the Castle family and the home of our subject to the present time. It was all heavy timber land save that about six acres had been cleared. The farm embraced one hundred twelve and a half acres of land, which the father and brother of William A. Castle cleared and cultivated until they transformed it into rich and productive fields. The family numbered eight children. Sarah Celestial became the wife of Richard Hooper and the mother of O. C. Hooper, now manager and editor of the Columbus Dispatch. Emily became the wife of William Cornell and removed to Oregon, where her death occurred. Orlando, now deceased, was for thirty years a professor in Shurtleff College at Upper Alton, Illinois. William A. was the next of the family. Eunice Aurelia became the wife of Holly Austin and died at Madison, Indiana. Judson died in Kansas at the age of eighteen years, while on his way to Oregon. Ellen M. became the wife of James Rankin and both died in Minneapolis, leaving a son, Rev. James A. Rankin, a Congregational preacher. Alonzo died at Saratoga Springs, New York, when a year and a half old. The father of this family served as a soldier in the war of 1812, doing duty as a private in northern New York. He died March 22, 1880, being almost a nonagenarian. He had long survived his wife, who passed away August 7, 1864.

Although but six years of age at the time the family left New England and started for Ohio, William A. Castle yet remembers many incidents of that journey and also of the pioneer life which followed their settlement in Licking county.



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He passed through all of the experiences, hardships and trials incident to the establishment of a home on the frontier and as his years and strength increased assisted more and more largely in the work of the farm. In early manhood he engaged in teaching school for nine years and was an able educator, contributing in substantial measure to the early intellectual progress of this community. He attended Denison University, then Granville College, and was for two years a teacher in the public schools of Zanesville, Ohio, and for two years a teacher in Shurtleff College in Illinois with his brother. A man of strong intellectuality, he has always read broadly, thinks deeply and is well informed concerning important events and questions of the day. In spirit and interests he seems yet in his prime and is a man of remarkable vitality for one of his years. After devoting some years to teaching school he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits and is now the owner of an excellent farm of eighty-one acres a half mile north of Alexandria in Liberty township. He has made a specialty of sheep raising and this branch of his business has always proved to him a profitable source of income.

On the 4th of May, 1854, Mr. Castle was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Fassett, who was born in Johnstown, this county, January 31, 1835, and is a daughter of Harry and Clarissa (Peck) Fassett. The father was born in Cambridge, Vermont, May 17, 1794, and the mother in Halifax, Nova Scotia, January 7, 1803. She came to Licking county with her parents when fifteen years of age and Harry Fassett made the journey alone on horseback when twenty-seven years of age. He was educated in Middlebury, Vermont, and after removing to Ohio engaged in the practice of medicine in Johnstown for many years. He wedded Miss Clarissa Peck in this county and for a long period they were numbered among the most respected and valued residents of Johnstown but later Dr. Fassett retired from the active practice of his profession and for fifteen years resided in Granville. He afterward went to California, where he joined his children and there died May 19, 1872, while his wife passed away July 7, 1890. They were the parents of ten children who reached adult age: Elias, now deceased; Ann, eighty-four years of age, who is the widow of Parker Germain and has resided in California since 1851; Jane, who became the wife of Dr. Dalton but both are now deceased; N. Chittenden, who went to California in 1851 and died in that state in old age; Harris, who went to San Francisco in 1854; Mrs. Castle; John, who enlisted at Granville as a member of the Union army and died during the Civil war; Mary, who became the wife of Norman Adams, of Granville, and died in Iowa; Harry W., who died in California; and Willie, who is living in San Francisco.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Castle were born six children. Clarence Fassett, the eldest, received his education in Denison University, took a post-graduate course at Yale, where he won the Doctor of Philosophy degree and is now a professor of Greek in the University of Chicago. He wedded Mary Shirk, of Greensburg, Indiana. Albert A., who attended the Denison University and Princeton University and the Law School of Cincinnati, after which he entered upon the practice of law, died at the age of forty years. Edward, who supplemented his course in Denison by study in Harvard University, was for a number of years a teacher of history in Columbia University but ill health obliged him to give up the position. William E., a graduate of Denison University, who pursued a post-graduate

course at Harvard, is now professor of zoology in Harvard and resides at Belmont, Massachusetts. He married Clara Bosworth and has three sons, William, Henry and Edward. Mary, a graduate of the Chicago University, who followed teaching until her health failed, is now with her brother in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Walter, who is likewise a graduate of Denison University and is now conducting the home farm, married Anna Patt and has two children, Carolyn and William. Mr. and Mrs. Castle have every reason to be proud of their family, for, endowed with strong intellectual force, they have won positions of distinction in educational circles and are an honor and credit to their parents.

In his political views Mr. Castle has been a stalwart republican since the organization of the party. He and his family are all members of the Baptist church of Alexandria and have ever been mindful of their religious duties and their obligations to their fellowmen. Mr. and Mrs. Castle have now traveled life's journey together for more than fifty-five years, their mutual love and confidence increasing as time has passed on and they have met together the joys and sorrow, the adversity and prosperity which checker the careers of all. There is no more worthy or highly esteemed couple in all the county, for their lives have not been engrossed with the material things in an effort to win success. They have put forth effective activity in their support of intellectual and moral advancement as well, their interest therein being manifest in the way in which they provided their children with advanced educational opportunities.

GABRIEL HOUCK.

Gabriel Houck, who makes his home on a well improved farm of seventy-five acres, located in Burlington township, is a worthy representative of an old and prominent pioneer family of Licking county and one that is noted for longevity. The paternal grandfather, James Houck, removed to Licking county from Pennsylvania, and, entering land near Homer, became one of the first settlers of Burlington township. He was identified with its very earliest development and improvement and carried on general farming throughout a long period, his death occurring in Burlington township when he had reached almost the century mark, for he was more than ninety-nine years of age at the time of his demise. His son, Jacob Houck, was born on the home farm in Burlington township, June 9, 1812, and there he was reared to general agricultural pursuits. After reaching man's estate, he was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Critton, who was likewise a native of Burlington township, born in 1819, daughter of Gabriel Critton, who came to Licking county from Fairfield county, Ohio, and thus became a pioneer settler of Burlington township. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Houck located on the farm now owned by T. D. Dean, located one mile south of Homer. Some years later, however, they removed to a farm adjoining our subject on the north, and there they spent their remaining years, the father passing away in 1895, when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-three years, while the mother preceded him to the home beyond a year previously, her death occurring in January, 1894, when she was about seventy-five years of age. The father was a life long democrat

and although he was never active as an office holder he took a deep interest in the progress that was continually made in this section of the state and contributed his full share in bringing about improved conditions, which have eventually placed Licking county in the front rank with other sections of the state.

Gabriel Houck was born on his father's farm, April 2, 1846, and early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the farm lad as he assists in the work of plowing, planting and harvesting. His education was acquired in the common schools, wherein he obtained a fair knowledge of the English branches. When he was but eighteen years of age, feeling that he had been properly trained in the duties of the home farm and believing that he could successfully operate a farm on his own account, he rented his father's land and thus gave his attention to its cultivation for several years. However, in 1869, as a further means of establishing a home of his own, he was united in marriage to Miss Phoebe J. Dixon, a daughter of Archibald Dixon, a resident of Bennington township, Licking county, and now deceased.

Following his marriage Mr. Houck continued to operate the old home place as a renter, but after three years, through his own industry and careful management and the assistance of his estimable wife, he secured the funds which justified him in purchasing seventy-five acres of land in Burlington township. In the spring of 1873 he took up his abode on his newly acquired tract of land and this has continued to be his home to the present time. This has been made a valuable property through his own well directed efforts and careful cultivation of the fields. On the place stands a nice country residence and substantial outbuildings and the fields are devoted to general farming, in which Mr. Houck is meeting with good success. In addition to his home farm he also owns a tract of land in Bennington township, which is also a productive and arable property.

Mr. and Mrs. Houck have no children of their own, but out of the goodness of their hearts they have taken into their home five children, one of whom, Earl Clet, is still with them. Believing firmly in the principles and policy of the democratic party, Mr. Houck has given stanch support to its men and measures. Meriting the confidence of the public, he has served for four terms as township trustee and two terms as assessor of the township, and his faithful service in this connection is his best recommendation for future claims. His fraternal relations are with Burlington Lodge, No. 551, K. P. He follows high ideals in his daily living, and his personality, the history of his life and his profound sense of integrity could be made the text of a lesson from which the young men of today could study success.

FINNEY E. HAAS.

Finney E. Haas, who owned and operated three hundred and forty-six acres of valuable land in Washington township, was born in the house in which he lived most of his life, on the 18th of September, 1851. His parents were William and Isabelle Haas, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Ireland. In 1808 the father accompanied his parents on their removal to Licking county, Ohio, where the grandfather entered a tract of land, on which he made his home until

the time of his demise. The property then came into possession of William Haas, who resided thereon until called to his final rest in 1869. His wife, long surviving him, passed away on the 1st of February, 1903. Their family numbered three children, namely: Mary E. and Martha, both of whom are deceased; and Finney E., of this review, also deceased.

Finney E. Haas enjoyed the advantages of a college education and remained under the parental roof until he had attained the age of thirty years. Subsequently he followed railroading for eighteen years, being employed successively as brakeman, conductor and yardmaster at Chicago, Illinois. In 1898 he returned to the home farm in this county and until his death gave his attention to the cultivation and improvement of the place, meeting with a creditable and gratifying measure of success in his undertakings. The property comprises three hundred and forty-six acres and in addition to the work of general farming he made a specialty of raising and breeding stock.

In 1888 Mr. Haas was united in marriage to Miss Rhoda Lawson, whose birth occurred in Missouri in 1854. In his political views he was a staunch republican, while fraternally he was connected with the Masons. He had an extensive circle of friends throughout the county of his nativity, his genuine personal worth commending him to the confidence and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. He was widely recognized as one of the extensive landowners and prosperous citizens of the county, and also as one of the worthy representatives of a pioneer family who aided in the work of early development and progress here. He was called to final reward October 13, 1908.

A. J. CADA.

A. J. Cada, a substantial and prosperous farmer of McKean township, was born in Vermont, November 20, 1834. He is an enterprising and aggressive man, a representative citizen of the community and has creditably served the township in a number of political offices. His parents were Mowry and Abigail (Barber) Cada, his father having been a native of Rhode Island and his mother of Vermont. To this county Mowry Cada came in the year 1836 and dwelt in the same house, of which the subject of this review, who at that time was two years of age, is the present owner. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Phoebe C., who was united in marriage with Frederick Smith, of McKean township; Sabra C. and Mary L., deceased; and A. J. Cada. The father departed this life, February 9, 1888, and his wife September 4, 1893.

In the district schools of this county A. J. Cada acquired his education, having pursued his studies during the winter season and in the summer time assisted his father in the labors of the farm. After leaving school he actively engaged in aiding his father in carrying on the pursuit of agriculture until he was twenty-eight years of age, when he assumed entire charge of the various interests of the farm. Since then he has remained on the old homestead and has applied himself energetically in the raising of various kinds of grain and stock. The tract of land which he has under cultivation embraces two hundred and eighty-five acres, in



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the development of which he uses strictly modern methods. Mr. Cada keeps abreast of the times in everything pertaining to agriculture and aside from having a comfortable residence, his premises also supplied with ample barns, out-buildings and modern machinery and in fact everything requisite to successfully prosecute farming. Aside from the old home place he also possesses one hundred acres of valuable land in Granville township, which he operates in connection with his farm in McKean township. While he deals extensively in hay and grain he also raises and feeds cattle and has a number of head of the finest breeds.

On September 25, 1860, Mr. Cada wedded Miss Mary A. Conard, a native of this county, where her birth occurred November 19, 1840. She was one of the nine children of Mahlon and Mary Ann (Somerville) Conard, also natives of this county. Her mother departed this life September 24, 1889, and her father, August 27, 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Cada have been blessed with the following children: Joel M.; Charles G., who resides in Newark; and Joseph E., who is a graduate of Denison University and is now in charge of the farm.

Mr. Cada and his wife have always been faithful to their religious obligations inasmuch as they have always considered that it is the first duty of man to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and consequently they have always been associated with church work and are now ardent supporters of the Baptist church. In politics Mr. Cada is an advocate of the democratic party, the principles of which he has thoroughly investigated and highly appreciates their fundamental character. He has always been enthusiastic during campaigns and by his vote and influence is active to the extent of his power in assisting the candidates of his party to secure office. He has rendered the township service as school director, trustee and public clerk. Mr. Cada is a man of high integrity of character and throughout his long career has been very energetic. It is due to his excellent management that he has made a success of life and that now at the advanced age of seventy-five years he can afford to enjoy somewhat of the leisure and comfort won by his many years of activity and usefulness. He has always been honest and straightforward in his transactions and therefore commands the respect and esteem of the citizens of the community in which he has so long resided.

CLEMENT L. RILEY.

Clement L. Riley, who has won recognition as an able representative of the educational interests of Ohio, is now serving as superintendent of the schools of Kirkersville. His record has at all times been that of a progressive and public-spirited citizen, and his history is therefore a credit to his native county. He was born about four and a half miles southwest of Utica, June 1, 1863, and in the paternal line comes of Irish lineage. His great-grandfather was a native of Ireland, but, coming to America in colonial days, aided the colonies in their struggle for independence. He married a niece of Mad Anthony Wayne, the intrepid American general whose fearlessness in the face of danger won him this altogether complimentary title. Robert Riley, the grandfather, was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, where his parents had located in pioneer times. He married

and reared a family of nine children: Elizabeth, deceased; one who died in infancy; Jane, who has also passed away; John William, the father of our subject; Margaret, the wife of Jacob Johns, of Missouri; Miranda, who is the widow of John Keller, of Missouri; Hannah and Martha, who are deceased; and Albert.

John William Riley was born in Newton township, Licking county, but removed with his parents at the age of five years to Burlington township of the same county, where he was reared amid the scenes and environments of frontier life. Having arrived at years of maturity, he wedded Angeline Plummer, a native of Iowa, who was brought to this country in her early girlhood. She had the following brothers and sisters: Eliza, who has passed away; Margaret; Amanda; Sarah; Mary; Rose, deceased; and William. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. John William Riley was blessed with fourteen children, as follows: Clement L., of this review; Ida E., the wife of J. R. Haas, of this county; Emma R., who is the wife of Lemuel Hammond, of Zanesville; Albert Plummer, a resident of McKean township; John William, who lives on the home place in Burlington township; James Franklin, of Burlington township; Effie M., the wife of Ellis Claggett; Mary, who is the wife of Lester Peters, of Bennington township; Robert, who resides with his mother on the home place; Clyde D. and Wesley E., both residents of Burlington township; Pearl, the deceased wife of Asa Wince, by whom she had two children; Bertha, who is the wife of Harry Hoar, of McKean township; and Fern, at home.

Clement L. Riley spent his youthful days on his father's farm and through the periods of vacation worked in the fields, and after he had completed his education gave a part of his time to farm work until he was twenty-five years of age. His early scholastic training was received in the district schools, and he later spent two terms in the Utica Normal, two terms in the Croton high school, one year in the Hanover high school, and two terms in the Denison Normal School. He also had tutors in Latin, and in 1884 he began teaching in the Centennial school in his home neighborhood, where he remained for two years. Later he spent a year as a teacher in Hanover township, and four years in Perry township. From the beginning his work in the schoolroom was highly satisfactory to the general public and led to his election to the superintendency of the Croton schools, where he remained from 1892 until 1900. He afterward engaged in teaching in Jersey for one year and for three years was superintendent of the Alexandria school. In 1905 he took charge of the schools at Kirkersville, where he has since remained. In the meantime he had taught in the normal school at Croton, in the Purity Normal in Eden township and in the Granville Normal, where he was teacher of mathematics. He has likewise been superintendent of the township schools of St. Albans township and in Kirkersville has done much to promote the standard of education, his work being followed by excellent results of a practical as well as progressive nature.

On the 8th of November, 1888, Mr. Riley was married to Miss Clara M. Taylor, who was born October 6, 1868, a daughter of William and Catherine (Beckford) Taylor, the former a native of Fallsbury township and the latter of Mary Ann township. Mrs. Riley's maternal grandfather came to Ohio from Massachusetts on horseback, traveling for many days through a wilderness in a district into which it seemed that white men had scarcely ever penetrated. Mrs. Riley

was one of a family of seven children: Flora, the wife of C. L. V. Miller, of Chesterville, Ohio; Virgil, deceased; Oliver, a resident of Chesterville; Eleanor, who is the wife of C. L. V. Smith; Mrs. Riley; Frank, of Eden township; and Barney, who has passed away. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Riley were born two children: Walter Fay, born March 8, 1893; and a daughter who died July 10, 1900, when four months old.

Mr. Riley was county examiner from June, 1899, until August 31, 1905, covering a period of more than six years, and recently he has been elected county auditor, his public-spirited citizenship and well-known ability being a guarantee of what he will accomplish in this position. Mr. and Mrs. Riley both hold membership in the Church of Christ. For about fifteen years he has been a member of Center Lodge, No. 326, F. & A. M., of Johnstown, and also belongs to Alexandria Lodge, No. 704, K. P., in which he has passed all of the chairs. He likewise belongs to Myrtle Lodge, No. 350, I. O. O. F., of Granville, and to Alexandria Camp, No. 6019, M. W. A. He is always interested in matters of public moment, keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, political and otherwise, and has taken part in several debates on the tariff question. He has always been a student, reading broadly and thinking deeply, and his views are based upon logical conclusions drawn from the facts.

F. A. CRANE.

F. A. Crane, who since 1892 has been secretary and manager of the Ice and Cold Storage Company of Newark, is numbered among the prominent, energetic and progressive business men of the city, belonging to that class of representative Americans who in promoting individual success also advance the general prosperity. He was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, on the 16th of February, 1846. His father, M. E. Crane, was also a native of Muskingum county, representing one of the oldest families of the state. The grandfather, Evan Crane, came to Ohio from Pennsylvania in 1805. Hardly two years had passed since the admission of the state to the Union, and there were great sections of Ohio into which the white race had not ventured. The Indian population was far more numerous than the white, and uncut forests and undeveloped prairies indicated to what limited extent the work of improvement had been carried forward. Casting in his lot with the pioneer settlers, Evan Crane turned his attention to farming and aided in reclaiming the wild land for the purpose of civilization. His son, M. E. Crane, was reared on the farm, but in 1873 removed to Newark, where he spent the remainder of his days in honorable retirement from business. He had led a useful and active life and had acquired a substantial competence. He died on the 2d of January, 1901, at the age of eighty-two years, and is still survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary M. (Huff) Crane, who is also a native of Muskingum county, and is now in her eighty-fifth year.

After mastering the elementary branches of learning in the public schools of Muskingum county, F. A. Crane continued his education in the Muskingum College at Concord and in Denison University, where he spent two years as a

student. From early youth he manifested considerable mechanical skill and ingenuity, and invented a patent hay carrier, at which he worked for three or four years. In 1873 he became a resident of Newark, where he has made his home for more than a third of a century. Here he engaged in the millinery and fancy goods business, in partnership with his brother, O. W. Crane, for nineteen years, the enterprise proving a profitable source of revenue, for the business was carefully conducted along modern and progressive lines, and the demands of the public were carefully studied. They were thus able to place upon the market goods that found a ready sale and their straightforward dealing also contributed to their success. In 1892 F. A. Crane withdrew from that line and organized the Newark Ice and Cold Storage Company, of which he has since been the secretary and manager. He is moreover a director of the Newark Trust Company and the Newark Gearwood Company. His business enterprise is undaunted by any ordinary difficulties or obstacles, his determination enabling him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

In 1878 Mr. Crane was married to Miss Lavonia L. Wright, a native of Licking county, and a daughter of Robert Wright. The Wright family came from Vermont to this city. Mr. and Mrs. Crane have one daughter, Lilian, now the wife of Charles F. Rhodes. They are constant and helpful members of the Second Presbyterian church, contributing generously to its support and taking a helpful part in its various activities, while Mr. Crane is serving as one of its trustees. He holds friendship inviolable, and as true worth may always win his regard he has a very extensive circle of friends and his life demonstrates the truth of the Emersonian statement that "the way to win a friend is to be one." No plan or movement for the benefit of the city along lines of progress and improvement seeks his aid in vain. The public work that he has done has largely been of a nature that has brought no pecuniary reward and yet he has cooperated in many movements for the general good. He is free from ostentation or display, but true worth cannot be overlooked and all who know him speak of him in terms of praise and kindly regard.

WILLARD WARNER.

Willard Warner was born in Granville, Ohio, September 4, 1826, his parents being Willard and Eliva (Williams) Warner, while his paternal grandparents were Daniel and Martha (Knowlton) Warner. He is a great-grandson of Captain Daniel Warner, a second lieutenant in the Revolution, and a descendant of the Vermont Warners, Holbrooks and Knowltons. He was married on the 4th of March, 1856, to Eliza, daughter of E. S. and Mary (Burnham) Woods, of Newark, Ohio. His demise occurred on the 23d of November, 1906.

Willard Warner was graduated from Marietta College in 1845, winning the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts, and in 1849 went to California in search of gold. In 1852 he removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, and came to Newark in 1854, becoming treasurer of the Newark Machine Works in that year, while in 1856 he was made general manager. In 1860 he was a delegate to the national



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republican convention from the capital district of Ohio. At the outbreak of the Civil war he joined the Federal army as major of the Seventy-sixth Ohio Infantry and took part in the attack on Fort Donelson, the siege of Corinth and the Vicksburg campaign. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel and took part in the battles of Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge and Ringgold. He was appointed inspector general and served on General Sherman's staff during the Atlanta campaign; was promoted colonel of the One Hundred and Eightieth Ohio Volunteers, October 20, 1864; was brevetted brigadier general and major general of volunteers in March, 1865, and was mustered out of the volunteer service in July, 1865.

Returning to Newark, Ohio, he served as a member of the Ohio state senate in 1866-7, and went to Alabama, being there engaged in cotton planting in 1865, 1866 and 1867. He was a representative in the Alabama legislature in 1868, and was elected to the United States senate as a republican on the 25th of July, 1868, serving until March, 1871. He was a collector of customs at Mobile, Alabama, in 1871 and 1872, and declined the appointment of governor of New Mexico by President Grant and likewise that of United States minister to the Argentine Republic. He was a member of the republican national convention of 1860, 1868, 1876, 1880 and 1888. In 1873 he removed to Tecumseh, Alabama, where he built the Tecumseh Blast Furnace for the Tecumseh Iron Company, of which he was president and general manager until 1889. In 1887 and 1888 he built two charcoal blast furnaces at West Nashville, Tennessee. The year 1890 witnessed his removal to Chattanooga, Tennessee, and in 1897 he was chosen a member of the Tennessee house of representatives. The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on him by Marietta College in 1885. He was identified for several years as a director in the Chattanooga Savings Bank, Chattanooga Wagon Company, Richmond Spinning Mill and the Chattanooga Coffin & Casket Company, being president of the last named concern. He was also first vice president of the Chattanooga Manufacturers' Association. He became a companion of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States in 1884 and in 1905 was elected as commander of the Ohio Commandery.

JAMES LEECH.

Among the men who have been influenced in promoting the agricultural interests of this part of the state is James Leech, a prosperous farmer of Licking township, whose birth occurred in Harrison county, Ohio, July 22, 1838. His parents, James and Annie (Teets) Leech, were natives of the state of Pennsylvania, the former, born near the battle-ground of Gettysburg, removed with his parents to Jefferson county, where he was reared, and subsequently went to Harrison county, where he followed the trade of shoemaking. In 1864 he removed to Iowa, locating in Henry county, where he engaged in the manufacture of shoes, in connection with operating a shoe store, until his death, which occurred in 1885. He was twice united in marriage, his first wife being Mary Hutton, of Jefferson county, Ohio, by whom he had three children, namely: Margaret, deceased; John, a

retired farmer residing in Keokuk county, Iowa; and Abner H., deceased, who served for four years in an Ohio regiment during the Civil war and was confined in Libby, Andersonville, and Salisbury prisons. Their mother having departed this life, Mr. Leech was united in marriage with Annie Teets, who departed this life in 1888. Their children were: Catharine, deceased; Mary; James; Robert; Nancy C.; Samuel, who served four years in the Union army during the Civil war, taking part in every battle during General Sherman's campaign, and is now deceased; Henry, William and Jennie, all of whom are deceased.

The common schools of Harrison county afforded James Leech his education, and he resided upon the home farm, actively engaged in agriculture, until he was twenty-one years of age. In the spring of 1860 he went to Livingston county, Illinois, where he followed his occupation until 1862, when he engaged in the five months' service in the Union army, during which time he was on duty at Camp Douglas, where he contracted an ailment which has since caused him great suffering. In 1863 he returned home and when Morgan was conducting his raid through Ohio he had charge of eight hundred men and was among those who effected Morgan's capture. Subsequently he was made second lieutenant of the volunteer militia of Harrison county, and in this capacity was stationed for one week at Newark drilling troops. In 1864 Mr. Leech went to Henry county, Iowa, where he remained until the year 1888, during which time he traveled throughout much of the west, engaged in various occupations, and then came to this county, where he has since been engaged in farming. He owns seventy acres of good land upon which he devotes his time to general farming, and aside from this he is largely interested in real estate at Salem, Iowa.

Mr. Leech was united in marriage, in 1889, to Miss Margaret, daughter of George Griffith, a native of this county, with whom he has since been residing in the enjoyment of domestic happiness. He is quite popular in fraternal organizations and belongs to the Masonic lodge in Newark, and also to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having passed through all the chairs of the local lodge of that organization. A republican in politics, he has never found cause to induce him to withdraw his loyalty from that party, and since he cast his first vote has always rejoiced in its successes and exerted his influence toward the election of its candidates. He holds membership in the Baptist church, to which his wife also belongs, and being a man of excellent parts, whose life has always been conducted in observance to right principles, he merits the respect and good word of all who know him.

HARRY D. BAKER.

Harry D. Baker, following his careful preparation for professional labor, is now successfully engaged in the practice of law in Newark, his native city. He was born on the 25th of October, 1880, and is a son of Levi D. Baker. The father was born in Hardin county, Virginia, in 1836, and in 1840 came to Licking county, settling at Claypole Mills, toward the eastern border of the county. He

was the son of Daniel Baker, a tanner, who served his country as a soldier of the War of 1812. For a long period Levi D. Baker was connected with business interests in this county, but is now living retired in Newark, having passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten. He was reared here amid the environment of pioneer life and for more than two-thirds of a century has resided within the borders of the county, so that he has witnessed all its development and progress. He married Ella Rodgers, a representative of one of the old families of this county, where her birth occurred.

Reared in Newark, at the usual age Harry D. Baker was sent as a pupil to the public schools and was instructed in the various branches of learning, which constituted the public school curriculum. Later he entered Doane Academy at Granville, from which he was graduated in 1899 and afterward became a student in Denison University. He studied law in the Ohio State University, where he completed a course by graduation with the class of 1904. He then opened an office in Newark, where he has since remained in the active prosecution of his profession and is gradually working his way upward, carefully analyzing cases and presenting his cause with that clear and cogent reasoning which shows his thorough mastery of the principles of jurisprudence and his correct application of those principles to the points in contention. Socially Mr. Baker is connected with the Phi Gamma Delta, a college fraternity, and is also an exemplary member of Acme Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

GEORGE W. HOLTON.

George W. Holton, starting out in life as a farm hand, is now the owner of two good tracts of land which, carefully cultivated, are returning him a gratifying annual income. He was born in Eden township, Licking county, Ohio, December 17, 1858, and is a son of Washington and Margaret (Miles) Holton. The father was a native of Muskingum county, Ohio, and in his early childhood was left an orphan, after which he was reared by families in the neighborhood. In early manhood, however, he came to Licking county, where he was afterward married to Miss Margaret Miles, native of this county. Following his marriage he took up his abode upon a farm in Eden township and as the years passed he was very successful, his earnest, indefatigable labors bringing him capital sufficient to enable him to become the owner of two hundred and forty-five acres of rich and productive land. His life was well spent and honorable and covered a period of more than eighty-two years, his death occurring May 27, 1892.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for George W. Holton in his boyhood and youth. He attended the common schools and worked in the fields through the summer months, early becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. In 1883, when twenty-three years of age, he left the parental home and for two years worked as a farm hand. He was then married, November 25, 1885, to Miss Clara Hilleary of Eden township, a daughter of Samuel Hilleary, now deceased. Following his marriage Mr. Holton cultivated his father-in-law's farm until 1903, or for a

period of eighteen years, after which he removed to Newark, where he made his home for nearly two years. However, farming had been his life work and he felt much more contented to engage in agricultural pursuits than to reside in Newark, unoccupied with business cares. In 1905, therefore, he purchased his present place in Mary Ann township, and it has since been his home. He is diligent and active in its management, practical and progressive in his methods of farming and as the result of his well directed labors is meeting with richly merited success. In addition to this place he also owns a farm of sixty acres in Eden township, which he rents.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Holton has been blessed with but one child, Samuel, who is still with his parents. Mr. Holton votes with the democracy, but has never sought nor desired office as a reward for party fealty. He is now one of the representative citizens of Mary Ann township, and while his life history has not been characterized by any thrilling or exciting chapters it contains valuable lessons for those who thoughtfully consider it, showing what may be accomplished by perseverance, energy and honesty.

THOMAS D. JONES.

Thomas D. Jones, sculptor, was born December 12, 1811, in Remsen, Oneida county, New York, where he spent his boyhood and youth. His parents were David R. and Susan Jones, who were born in Wales but came to this country in childhood. With very meager opportunities for education the embryo sculptor reached the age of twenty, employed on a farm or at work with his father, who was a stonecutter. With his father's family he came to Ohio in 1837 and settled on what is known as the "Welsh Hills," about two and one-half miles north of Granville, a well known college town. While living there he worked at carving tombstones out of freestone, which is abundant around Granville, and became skillful in cutting out figures of animals and faces. Much of the stone work on the Ohio canal was done under his supervision. During the winter months he taught school and while teaching studied the French language, in which he became proficient. In 1841 he went to Cincinnati, where his first work was that of carving monuments, but before a year had expired he produced a bust of John H. Coleman of Cincinnati. His next work worthy of notice was a large bust of General William H. Harrison. In 1844 he modeled the features of Henry Clay and the next year carved the statue of Francis Marion in wood. Soon afterward he made busts of Thomas Corwin, Lewis Cass and General Winfield Scott. Then he went to New York city, where he lived for six years. His finest works in New York are a medallion of Henry Clay, one of Daniel Webster, one of George Washington, one of Queen Victoria and a statue of Julia Dean, the actress. The Lincoln Memorial which stands in the rotunda of the state house in Columbus, Ohio, is the grandest work ever produced by his hands. It will remain an enduring monument to his memory. His last works are of the highest order of merit and are universally admired. The winter following Abraham Lincoln's election to the presidency was spent by Mr. Jones with Lincoln and his family in Spring-



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field, Illinois. He had many friends among distinguished writers and noted persons. It was pleasant to be with him, hear him read Shakespeare, tell anecdotes and talk of his travels and experiences in the different cities where he had been. In his last years he arose early and took a long walk before breakfast. In imagination I can see him now, as he started out for a walk, his long white hair hanging loosely over his shoulders, his broad-brimmed hat shading his face as he looked at the beauty of nature, or in the evening as he gazed at the stars. No one was ever able to fathom his thoughts at such times. He had a kind of faith in the stars which was apparent to those who knew him best but which he never communicated to any one.

He died in Columbus, Ohio, February 2, 1882, and was buried in the Welsh Hills cemetery, by the side of his father and mother. A large granite boulder of irregular shape, which he chose during his lifetime, marks his grave. On the stone is inscribed simply his name, date of birth and date of death. Of him it may be said truthfully, "The sculptor hath so nobly done his part, we see a living presence, not the art."

MRS. MARY E. HILBRANT.

JOHN W. LEIDIGH.

In the legal profession, which embraces many of the most brilliant minds of the nation, it is difficult to win a name and a place of prominence. Many aspire, but few attain. In commercial life one may start out upon a more elevated plane than others; he may enter upon a business already established and carry it still farther forward. But this is not true in case of the lawyer. He must commence at the initial point, must build and win his first cause and work his way upward by ability, gaining his recognition and success by merit. People do not place their legal business in unskilled hands; it is the man of power before judge and jury who commands public patronage. Of this class Mr. Leidigh is a splendid type. He began as many others do in the practice of law, and has come to his present prominence as the result of earnest endeavor, fidelity to trust and recognized ability. He has been a member of the bar since 1875 and has practiced in Licking county since 1905.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Leidigh was born in Cumberland county, April 4, 1840, his parents being David and Catharine (Brownwell) Leidigh, who were natives of the Keystone state, the Leidigh family, however, coming from Germany, while the Brownwells were from England. Some of the family participated in the colonial wars, and in the pioneer development of the Cumberland valley they were identified, all following the occupation of farming.

John W. Leidigh was reared on a farm and attended the country schools. Prior to the outbreak of hostilities between the north and south he watched with interest the progress of events as he listened to the discussion of grave questions of that day, and with the inauguration of the war he joined the army on the 1st of October, 1861, enlisting as a member of Company C, Sixty-fourth Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry. His service was with the Army of the Cumberland, and he was wounded in the battle of Rocky Face Ridge, Georgia, by a gunshot

which penetrated the left leg, and the ball has never been extracted. He was confined in the general field hospital of Chattanooga, Tennessee, until he could be removed to Nashville, Tennessee, where he remained in hospital No. 11 until transferred to the Clay general hospital at Louisville, Kentucky. He was forced to continue in these hospitals altogether for about one year, and then rejoined his regiment while on its march to Knoxville, Tennessee. After the siege of Knoxville was raised he returned with his command to Chattanooga, and there veteranized, reenlisting as a member of the same company and regiment, in which he served until December 3, 1865, when he mustered out at Victoria, Texas, having been a member of the army for more than four years. After rejoining his regiment he was promoted to quartermaster sergeant and later became sergeant major, while subsequently he was commissioned second lieutenant in the Sixty-fourth regiment, and was the last sergeant major of that command. At the funeral of the late Senator John Sherman, who was the first colonel of the Sixty-fourth Regiment, Mr. Leidigh had charge of the Guard of Honor, composed of the remnant of the old Sherman Brigade in the field. He was a warm personal friend of Senator Sherman, and after the funeral the senator's daughter, Mrs. James M. McCollum, of Washington, D. C., presented Mr. Leidigh with her father's sword, sash and belt, which he highly prizes.

When the war was over and the country no longer needed his military aid, Mr. Leidigh returned to his home in Richland county, Ohio, expecting that he would earn his living by farming and by work at the carpenter's trade, which he had partially learned before he joined the boys in blue. However, while operating a spoke lathe, which was out of order, he met with an accident, having his hand caught in the lathe, whereby all of the fingers and part of the left hand were cut off. Thus incapacitated for manual labor, he sought a new field of activity, and on the 1st of October, 1868, began the study of law in the office and under the direction of the Hon. Schuyler E. Blakeslee, of Bryan, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar March 25, 1875. In the meantime he had been called to official service, having in November, 1869, been elected on the republican ticket probate judge of Williams county, Ohio. He was reelected in 1871, receiving almost unanimous support, and held the office for six years, making an excellent record on the probate bench. While thus engaged he gave his leisure time to the mastery of the principles of jurisprudence and, as stated, was licensed to practice March 25, 1875, in which year he opened a law office in Bryan. Prior to his election as probate judge he served as township clerk one year. In 1882 he was admitted to practice in the United States courts. In 1905 he removed to Licking county and has since practiced in Utica and Newark. He is recognized as an able lawyer and a valued member of the Licking County Bar Association. He is now able to base his arguments on thorough knowledge of and familiarity with precedents, never failing to recognize the main point at issue and never neglecting to give a thorough preparation.

On the 1st of February, 1870, Mr. Leidigh was married to Miss Florence Estella Pollitt, a native of Ohio, and they have one son, Donald J., who is now a student in Denison University. Mr. Leidigh belongs to the Presbyterian church and to the Grand Army of the Republic. He is today as true and loyal to his country and her welfare as when he followed the old flag upon southern battle-

fields, and in all matters of citizenship he has manifested a progressive and patriotic spirit. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished in professional lines, and his mental capacity and power is stimulated by his faithful performance of each day's duty and by his strong interest in the science of law and government.

REV. J. L. WYLY.

Rev. J. L. Wyly has been identified with the Baptist ministry in Ohio since 1875. While he is not in active pastoral relation with the church at the present time, he is yet deeply interested in its work and in sympathy with its projects. He gives his time and attention to his farming and stock-raising interests, having two hundred acres of valuable land, whereon he is making a specialty of raising Duroc hogs, Galloway cattle and draft horses. His life history began in Carmichaels, Greene county, Pennsylvania, July 17, 1840, and he is the youngest of a family of nine children, three sons and six daughters, of whom seven reached years of maturity. The parents, Jacob and Hannah Jane (Way) Wyly, were also natives of the Keystone state, and spent the greater part of their lives in Greene county, the former of Scotch-Irish and the latter of English parentage and of Quaker faith. Both grandfathers of our subject served as soldiers of the Revolutionary war, while Jacob Wyly and his brother John did valued duty in defense of American interests in the war of 1812.

Rev. J. L. Wyly remained a resident of his native county until twenty years of age, and when not busy with the work of the farm pursued his education, attending the public schools and the academy of Carmichaels. In March, 1861, he went to Iowa City, Iowa, and on the 13th of June of the same year he offered his services to the government in defense of the Union, becoming a member of Company F, First Iowa Cavalry. He furnished his own horse and equipment, costing him over two hundred dollars, and did active service west of the Mississippi river, being connected with the army for three years and four months, while for three years he was in active service in the field. He refused a colonel's commission and served as a private. Such a record is hardly paralleled, for while there were many loyal hearts that never wavered in defense of the Union, most of the soldiers were willing and anxious for promotion. Mr. Wyly sustained two slight scalp wounds. At Black River he suddenly came upon eight rebels, six of whom were mounted and two on foot. Of the latter Mr. Wyly wounded one and killed the other and thus managed to make his escape. He participated throughout the Little Rock campaign, and after more than three years of faithful service was mustered out September 9, 1864.

Mr. Wyly then returned to Pennsylvania and entered the Waynesburg College. He also read law with his brother, George L. Wyly, and for a time he engaged in the oil business. In the spring of 1865 he removed westward to Crestline, Ohio, and was married in the fall of 1866, at Wooster, Ohio, after which he took up his abode near Iowa City, Iowa. There he engaged in farming and teaching, but later returned to Ohio, where he again spent a year. On the expiration

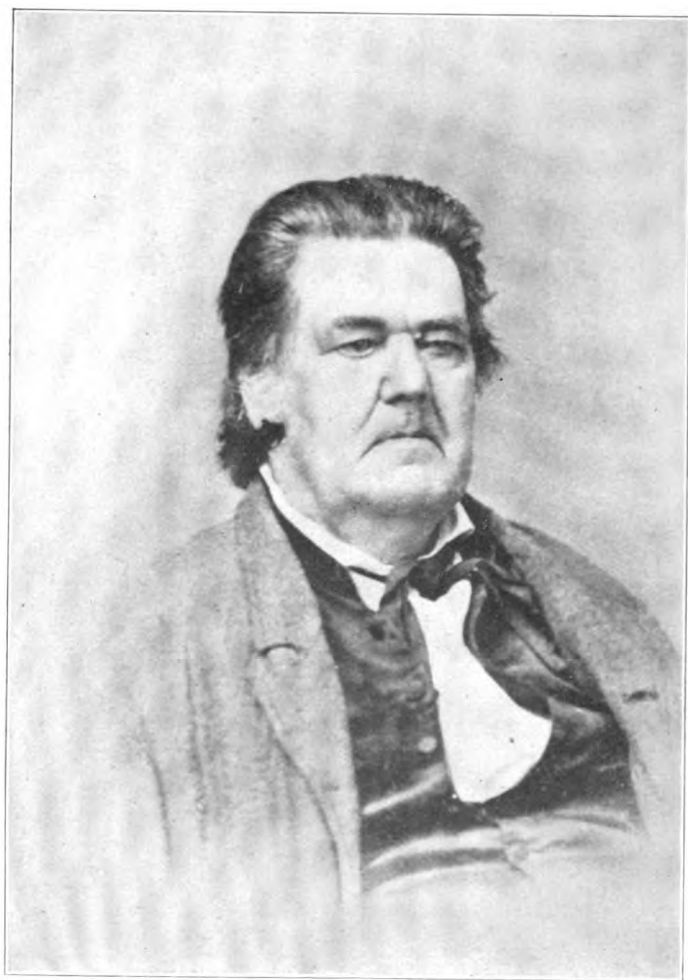
of that period he went to Missouri and bought a farm, but because of his wife's health he returned to Wayne county, Ohio. In 1872 he entered the Baptist ministry and was connected with the organized work of the church in Iowa and Illinois, while since 1875 he has made his home in Ohio and has done much effective service in behalf of Baptist interests here. In 1888 he came to Licking county and purchased his present farm, upon which he has since lived. He also erected his residence, which is a mile north of Granville, on Mount Vernon road. Here he has more than two hundred acres of land, and in carrying on his place makes a specialty of Duroc hogs, Galloway cattle and draft horses. He is likewise interested in coal lands in Pennsylvania.

In 1866 Mr. Wyly was united in marriage at Wooster, Ohio, to Miss Elizabeth Ann Rayl, a native of Wayne county, and a daughter of Isaiah and Cynthia Rayl. They had nine children, of whom one son died in the army in 1862, while one was wounded in front of Atlanta. Another, a graduate of Denison University, went to India as a missionary, where he remained about two years and died almost immediately after his return, his wife surviving him only twenty days. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wyly there were born nine children: George A. B., who was principal of the high school at New Philadelphia, Ohio, for nine years and is now a teacher of Minnesota; Emma, who is the wife of A. A. Rich, connected with the office of secretary of state in Columbus; Edgar C., who is in partnership with his father and is located on one of his farms; Ida, the wife of Louis Ketchem, of Delaware county, Ohio; Nellie A., the wife of L. S., Osborn, of Granville; Harry, at home; Lillie A., who was graduated from Denison University two years ago, and is now a nurse in the Mercy Hospital of Chicago; and Black and Edith, who died in infancy.

The home of Mr. Wyly is pleasantly and conveniently located a mile north of Granville, on the Mount Vernon road, the residence having been erected by himself. He is now deputy chaplain of the Ohio Grand Army of the Republic and assistant adjutant general of the United Veterans' Legion. He was a candidate for representative on the republican ticket, but was defeated by only about 300 votes in a district which was democratic by 1,500. All his life he has been as true and loyal to the interests of his country as when he followed the old flag on southern battlefields. He believes always in a progressive citizenship and his labors have been effective forces in promoting the welfare of the community. While his life has in some respects been quietly passed, he has always been regarded as a worthy citizen of commendable purpose and upright life, and therefore deserves mention in this volume.

GENERAL CHARLES R. WOODS.

General Charles R. Woods is the second son of the late Ezekiel S. Woods, of Newark, Ohio, of which place he is a native. His boyhood was passed upon his father's farm. When about seventeen years of age he was placed under the instruction of Rev. R. K. Nash, of Worthington. At the age of nineteen he entered the West Point Military Academy as a cadet, where he graduated in June, 1852.



WILLIAM STANBERY



GEN. C. R. WOODS

From that time until the latter part of 1874 he was engaged in the United States military service. He began as second lieutenant in First Infantry regular service, in 1852, was promoted to captain of the Ninth on April 1, 1861, and to major of the Eighteenth on April 20, 1864, to lieutenant colonel of the Thirty-third, July 28, 1866, and to colonel of the Second on February 18, 1874. He was brevetted lieutenant colonel on the 4th of July, 1863, for gallant and meritorious services at the capture of Vicksburg, Mississippi; colonel, November 24, 1863, for gallant and meritorious services at the battle of Chattanooga, Tennessee; brigadier general, March 13, 1865, for gallant and meritorious services in battles before Atlanta, Georgia; and major general, March 13, 1865, for gallant and meritorious services at the battle of Bentonville, North Carolina. He was mustered into service as colonel of the Seventy-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry on October 13, 1861, and as brigadier general of volunteers on August 22, 1863. He was brevetted major general November 22, 1864, for long continued services and for special gallantry at Griswoldsville, Georgia. On the 1st of September, 1866, he was mustered out of volunteer service and retired from regular service on the 14th of December, 1874.

On the 2d of August, 1860, General Woods was married to Miss Cecelia Impey, eldest daughter of Robert and Frances Impey, of Newark, Ohio. She was born March 1, 1842, her mother being a daughter of Hon. William Stanbery, of Newark. General Woods had a family of three sons and one daughter: William E., born in Philadelphia, May 5, 1861; Robert I., born in Newark, Ohio, September 28, 1862; George H., born in Newport, Kentucky, May 28, 1866; and Frances B., born at Fort Wallace, Kansas, March 13, 1870.

After his retirement from the army General Woods again took up his residence in Newark, where he remained until his death, which occurred February 26, 1885. For sometime past his widow has been a resident of Washington, D. C.

D. M. SMITH, M. D.

Dr. D. M. Smith, for twenty-three years a practitioner in Newark, has given his patients the benefit of unwearied service and superior talent, for he is thoroughly qualified for his professional duties and has ever kept in touch with the progress of the profession through extensive reading and through investigation. He was born in Cadiz, Ohio, March 28, 1864. His father, John P. Smith, was a native of Maryland, coming to this city in early life and remaining a resident of Ohio up to the time of his death which occurred in 1904 when he was eighty-eight years of age. He was the youngest of a family of ten children all of whom lived to advanced age. His wife who, in her maidenhood was Hannah Welsh, was born in Maryland and died in 1902 at the age of eighty-four years.

Dr. Smith obtained his literary education in the schools of Harrison county and Cincinnati, Ohio. When he had reviewed the field of business in order to make choice of a profession or calling which he wished to make his life work, he took up the study of medicine in 1880, under the direction of his cousin, Dr. J. M. Smith, of New Philadelphia, Ohio, who was one of the leading physicians there. He was also a student under his oldest brother, William K. Smith, a

prominent physician, who in early manhood was killed by a horse, and is the only one in a family of ten children who has died. Continuing his preparation for his chosen profession Dr. Smith entered the Miami Medical College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1885. Locating at Newark, he has since remained in active practice here and through the twenty-three years of his identification with the professional interests of this city he has enjoyed to the fullest extent the respect and good will of his fellow citizens by reason of his strict conformity to high standards and the ability and efficiency which he has displayed in the performance of his daily round of duties. While he has given his attention to general practice, he has specialized to some extent in the department of surgery and for eighteen years has been the surgeon for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, also for a long period for the Interurban Company. He has been physician and surgeon for the county infirmary for nine years and in all of these connections he has done very capable professional work. In addition to his practice he is also vice president of the Consumers' Brewing Company.

In 1888 Dr. Smith was married to Miss Jennie Gamble of Cleveland, Ohio. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He gives his political support to the democratic party, but the only office which he has ever sought or filled is that of coroner, in which position he served for seven years, when he resigned. He prefers to give his undivided attention to his professional duties and now has an extensive practice.

NEHEMIAH C. POUND.

Nehemiah C. Pound, successfully carrying on agricultural pursuits in Mary Ann township, is numbered among the worthy native sons of Licking county, his birth having occurred on the farm on which he now resides on the 19th of August, 1849. His parents, Joseph and Elizabeth (Allison) Pound, were born, reared and married in Orange county, New York, and in 1839 made their way to this county, spending the winter at Lockport. In the spring of 1840 Joseph Pound took up his abode on the farm which is now the home of his son Nehemiah, bought one hundred and twelve acres of land and later added to his property by additional purchase until it comprised two hundred and forty acres. In addition to his farming interests he also carried on auctioneering and became widely known as a prominent representative of that line of activity. His political allegiance was given to the democracy and he capably served his fellow townsmen in the position of township trustee. He passed away in 1878 at the age of seventy-eight years, for his birth had occurred in 1800.

Nehemiah C. Pound remained at home throughout the period of his minority and in the common schools of the locality gained a good practical education. When he had attained man's estate he was married and subsequently lived for six years at Wilkins Corner, while the succeeding six years were spent on his father-in-law's farm in Eden township. He then returned to Mary Ann township and received fifty-two acres of land from his father's estate, also bought twenty-four acres more and improved his place by the erection of modern buildings. He like-

wise owns and operates another farm of eighty acres north of the home place and his capable management and untiring industry have brought him a gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity in his undertakings, so that he is now numbered among the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of the community.

On the 20th of April, 1871, Mr. Pound was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Ann Miles, a daughter of William Miles, of Eden township. By this union there have been born two children, as follows: Amzi R., who is engaged in teaching in Newark township; and Cary Nelson, who follows farming in Newton township and who has also served as justice of the peace.

Mr. Pound acted for one term as township trustee and has ever given stalwart support to the candidates and principles of the democratic party. Fraternally he is connected with Acacia Lodge, No. 464, F. & A. M., being a worthy exemplar of the teachings of the craft. A life-long resident of Licking county, Mr. Pound is well and favorably known within its borders and has been an interested witness as well as active participant in the work of progress and development that has wrought such a wonderful transformation in this part of the state.

FRANKLIN WILKIN.

For seventy-six years a resident of Licking county, the memory of Franklin Wilkin forms a connecting link between the pioneer past and the progressive present. He was born July 28, 1833, on the farm in Mary Ann township where he now resides. It seems hardly possible that it is within the memory of any living man when much of this district was unimproved, when the homes were largely built of logs, and when business enterprise was largely confined to agriculture. Such, however, was the condition which existed during the early boyhood of Franklin Wilkin, and as the years have gone by he has lived to see the country changed as the evidences of frontier life have been replaced by those of the modern and progressive civilization. His parents were Henry and Magdalene (Smoots) Wilkin, in whose family were ten children, although only two are now living, the sister of our subject being Mrs. Lucinda Pound, who is the widow of Samuel Pound, and resides with her children. The father, Henry Wilkin, was born in Hardy county, Virginia, July 4, 1781, and came to Licking county, Ohio, in October, 1816, soon after his marriage. The trip was made overland, Mr. Wilkin and wife accompanying the family of Phillip Smoots, Mrs. Wilkin's uncle. The two families came in one wagon, driving some cows before them. His wife was a native of Shenandoah county, Virginia, where her birth occurred July 6, 1794. On arriving in Licking county, which was then a frontier district, much of the land still being owned by the government, Henry Wilkin entered one hundred and sixty acres on section 17, Mary Ann township, the same farm on which our subject lives. There in the midst of the forest he built a hewed log house. His place was all timberland, on which not a tree had been cut, a furrow turned or an improvement made. With characteristic energy, however, he began to clear away the timber and plow and plant the fields and in course of time the rich soil was returning him golden harvests. Some years later he purchased

another quarter section on section 18, adjoining his home place, and afterward bought an adjoining thirty-six acres. He died in his eighty-fourth year, while his wife passed away at the age of seventy-five years. He was an ardent democrat and his fellow townsmen, recognizing in him a citizen loyal to the public good, elected him to the office of township trustee and treasurer. In his business interests he prospered, and in addition to his home place he owned two other farms in Licking county, two farms in Wyandot county, two in Putnam county, and at one time was the owner of a farm in Indiana. All this property was acquired through his own well directed labors and judicious investment.

Franklin Wilkin was reared on the old home place in a pioneer log cabin and his educational advantages were limited to a three months' session in the district school. The schoolhouse was built of logs and furnished with slab benches, while the writing desks were made of a slab laid upon pins driven into the wall. There was no uniformity in text-books, though the pupils were well drilled in the common branches of learning. Mr. Wilkin did not lack for training in the work of the farm, for since old enough to handle the plow he began assisting in the fields and continued to aid in the improvement and development of the place up to the time of his father's death in 1864. The home farm then came into possession of Franklin Wilkin and his brother Henry, and the two were associated in farming interests until the demise of Henry Wilkin in 1878.

Following his father's death Mr. Wilkin of this review was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ann Jenkins, a daughter of James Jenkins, of Eden township, and unto them were born three children, of whom two are yet living: Milton, who married Bessie Bline and has one child, Franklin, Jr.; and Henry, who wedded Nettie Wilkin and has a daughter, Ruth. The two sons are operating the home farm. Mr. Wilkin has always continued to make the old home farm his place of residence and in 1890 erected here a handsome home, so that he is now comfortably situated in life, deriving a good income from his property, which is now carefully conducted by his two sons.

In his political views Mr. Wilkin has always been an earnest democrat and has served as township trustee and township treasurer. Since 1863 he has been an exemplary member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Acacia Lodge, No. 464. He also belongs to the chapter. He has long been numbered among the old and representative men of Mary Ann township, and no history of the community would be complete without mention of this native son, who has reached the seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey and throughout the entire period has lived upon the farm which is yet his home.

CHARLES DEEDS.

For fifty-one years Charles Deeds has resided on the Locust Shade Farm, where he occupies one of the fine country residences of Licking county. Here he is extensively engaged in raising grain and stock, making a specialty of the breeding of pure Spanish Merino sheep and Galloway cattle. In all of his business affairs he displays careful management and keen discernment and his unfaltering energy has enabled him to overcome all the difficulties and obstacles that continually rise



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in the conduct of an extensive business. He has thus reached an important position in agricultural circles and the sterling qualities of his manhood entitle him to the friendship which is uniformly accorded him by those with whom he comes in contact.

A native of Greene county, Pennsylvania, Mr. Deeds was born February 19, 1846, and is of German lineage. His grandfather, Jacob Deeds, was a son of Andrew Deeds, who was born January 1, 1760, in eastern Pennsylvania, whence he removed to Washington county, that state. He wedded Mary Miller, who was born in eastern Pennsylvania June 20, 1760, and was a daughter of David Miller, one of the pioneers of Washington county, who fell a victim to the savagery of the Indians, by whom he was killed and scalped. Unto Andrew Deeds and his wife there were born six children: Adam, who married and had four children; Jacob, the grandfather of our subject; John, who left no family; Isaac, who died in West Alexandria, Pennsylvania, and left two children; and Catherine and Mary. Jacob Deeds, the grandfather of Charles Deeds, had four children: Andrew, Isaac, Delilah and Eliza.

Andrew Deeds, the father of our subject, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, July 8, 1811, and having arrived at years of maturity, wedded Lydia Stoolfire, who was born in the same county, August 17, 1811. She died in the county of her nativity, January 14, 1850, and the father afterward came to Ohio and settled on the farm in Licking county now owned by Charles Deeds. Subsequently he returned to Washington county, Pennsylvania, and married Miss Maria Martin, with whom he traveled life's journey happily until called to his final rest, September 5, 1870. His second wife died November 5, 1881. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Deeds were born eight children. Franklin, born December 12, 1831, died in Union township, this county, February 5, 1898. Lucinda, born November 18, 1833, is the widow of Monterville Lucas and now resides at Outville, this county. John J., born February 14, 1838, first wedded Mary Keeran and afterward married Mrs. Ellen (Belt) Lane, the widow of George Lane. He now resides on York street in Harrison township. Elizabeth A., born December 13, 1839, is the widow of Boanerges Green, and resides in Union county, Ohio. Margaret, born July 10, 1841, became the wife of Jacob W. Showman, a farmer of Granville township, and died November 20, 1906. Charles is the next of the family. Sarah J., born October 27, 1848, is the wife of Stephen C. Winter, of Leavenworth county, Kansas. Andrew, born January 5, 1851, is married and follows farming in Granville township.

Charles Deeds spent his early youth in the state of his nativity, and following his mother's death came with his father to Ohio and for more than a half century has lived on the farm which is now his home. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges and as he has always been a close observer of men and a student of the signs of the times, he has added much to his knowledge in this way and has also learned many valuable lessons through experience. The occupation to which he was reared, he determined to make his life work and has always followed general farming and stock-raising. His place comprises one hundred and eighty acres of very valuable land. The fields are rich and arable and respond readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon them. He thus annually raises good crops of grain and an important feature of his business is his stock-

raising. He has become recognized as an authority upon many matters relating to the breeding of Spanish Merino sheep and Galloway cattle and has made many exhibits of his stock at the county and state fairs in former years, winning a number of prizes. Substantial barns and commodious sheds furnish ample shelter for grain and stock. There is a fine orchard on his place and all of the modern improvements, including a hydraulic ram, which forces water from the spring to the barn. There is also a fine carp pond, which is supplied from the spring. The home is a commodious and attractive dwelling, tastefully and comfortably furnished and the farm in its well kept appearance and many substantial improvements constitutes one of the most attractive features in the landscape, winning favorable comment from all who pass this way.

It was on the 4th of March, 1873, that Mr. Deeds was united in marriage to Miss Susan C. Green, who was born in Delaware county, Ohio, August 8, 1849, a daughter of Edward and Mary J. (Condit) Green. Condit postoffice and Condit Station in Trenton township, Delaware county, were named in honor of her grandfather, Jotham Condit, for they were located on his farm. He was born in New Jersey, July 17, 1794, and was married in 1824 to Miss Mary Mulford, whose birth occurred in New Jersey, October 3, 1796. They came to Ohio in 1835 and settled in Delaware county, where Condit Station is now located. Mr. Condit became the owner of twelve hundred acres of land and was one of the prominent and influential citizens of the community. Both he and his wife died on the farm on which they settled, being more than eighty years of age when called to their final rest. They had seven children: John K., who died unmarried; Susan Ann, who died in infancy; Mary J., who became Mrs. Green; Susan M., who was born April 13, 1830; Whitfield Smith, born December 21, 1834; and Elias J. and Susan E., twins, born December 27, 1837. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Deeds was Edward Green, who spent his entire life in England. He married Elizabeth Garrett, and her death occurred in England, while he was drowned in that country when their son, Edward Green, father of Mrs. Deeds, was four years of age. Her father was born in Kent county, England, and died July 26, 1873. He became a resident of Delaware county, Ohio, in 1840, making the trip with his brother Charles and joining his brother William in this state. Edward Green was a farmer and stock-raiser and carried on business in Trenton township, Delaware county, being engaged extensively in raising sheep. His wife, who was born in New Jersey, December 7, 1827, died February 2, 1906, on the old home place in Delaware county. In their family were five children, namely: Mrs. Deeds; Mary E., the wife of Dr. W. L. Mills of Hartford township, Licking county; Phoebe J., who was born October 20, 1853, and died in infancy; Charles E., who was born July 20, 1860, and resides on a part of the old home farm in Trenton township, Delaware county; and Anna Luella, who was born April 8, 1863, and is on the home farm in Delaware county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Deeds were born two sons. Edward A., born March 12, 1874, was graduated from Denison University with the class of 1897 and afterward pursued post graduate work in Cornell University. He is now general superintendent for the National Cash Register Company at Dayton, Ohio, and married Edith Walton, by whom he had two sons: Charles W., born August 11, 1902, and Edward Andrew, March 27, 1909. Dean D., who was born November 20, 1876, is a graduate of Denison Uni-

versity of the class of 1899 and pursued post-graduate work there for one year. He is now with the Thew Automatic Steam Shovel Company of Lorain, Ohio, in which he is a stockholder and lives in Elyria, Ohio. He wedded Frances Updike and they have three children: Dean Dalton, born March 22, 1904; Frances Josephine, February 28, 1906; and Charles Douglas, May 8, 1908.

In his political views Mr. Deeds has always been a republican, interested in the welfare of the party but never seeking nor desiring office for himself. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian church and they are both highly esteemed in the community. The Locust Shade Farm is noted for its hospitality and their many friends are always sure to receive a hearty welcome there.

CHRISTOPHER C. SHAW.

Christopher C. Shaw, a veteran of the Civil war, who is among the prosperous farmers of Newark township, this county, was born in Bladen county, North Carolina, July 29, 1845, a son of David and Lucy (Benson) Shaw, who spent their entire lives in the last named county, where they reared a family of four sons and one daughter, all of whom resided in their native state but Christopher C., the first-born.

In the common schools of his birthplace Christopher C. Shaw acquired his education, in the meantime assisting in the duties of his father's farm, where he remained until he was fifteen years of age, then enlisting in Company G, North Carolina Volunteer Infantry, serving for two years, at the termination of which period he reenlisted with Colonel John Mosby and served until the close of the war, when he took the oath of allegiance. Subsequently he returned to the old homestead, where he remained for one year, at the expiration of which period he came to Zanesville, Ohio, remaining one winter, and, in the spring of 1867, repaired to this county, locating on his present farm, where he then worked for James M. Tompkins, with whom he farmed on shares for about three or four years. Later he wedded his partner's daughter, and after the death of the father-in-law assumed management of the farm, eighty-three acres of which he disposed of, and now owns fifty-three acres, located ninety rods from the corporation of Newark. Here for the past three years he has been engaged in the dairy business, of which he makes a specialty, while for the past twenty-five years he has been well known throughout the county as a breeder of short-horned cattle, owning what is called the Cherry Valley herd, at the same time paying considerable attention to sheep breeding, of which he has a number of registered specimens, and owns a herd of Jerseys and Devons.

On December 12, 1870, Mr. Shaw wedded Martha Tompkins, a native of Tompkins county, New York, born February 26, 1853, who came here with her parents in 1856 and has since resided on the farm under cultivation by her husband. She was a daughter of James M. and Louise (Kane) Tompkins, he having been a native of the county bearing his name in New York state, while his wife was born in Germany. Coming to this county in 1856, they here spent their remaining days, his death having occurred in 1901, in his eighty-sixth year, while

his wife, who was born January 12, 1833, now resides in Newark. It is worthy of remark that Tompkins county, New York, where Mrs. Shaw and her parents were born, took its name after a relative, George Daniel Tompkins. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Shaw are: Louisa Blanch, wife of Wallace Neibling, of Newark; James C., who wedded Bessie Jamison, the couple having two children, Frances Victoria and Walter James, who reside with their parents; Edward Lee, who wedded May Philo, of Columbus, Ohio, the couple residing in Washington, D. C., with their children, Alice P. and Dorothy May, their father being professor of animal husbandry under Secretary Wilson; and Henrietta, wife of Clifford Markins, of Newark. Mr. Shaw is a democrat who has taken considerable interest in local affairs, having served for eight years as a trustee of the township. He belongs to Olive Branch Lodge, No. 34, I. O. O. F., which he joined in 1868; to Mount Olive Encampment, No. 12, and to the Daughters of Rebekah, Lodge No. 143, of Licking county. Mr. Shaw is deeply interested in church work and, being a man opposed to denominationalism and its variety of conflicting creeds, has been affiliated with the Christian Union church of Newark for the past thirty-eight years, in which he has served as trustee and elder for thirty years and for thirty-five years as superintendent of the Sunday school. During this long season of religious activity he has instilled the principles of Christianity into many who have since grown to manhood and are now in a position to appreciate the benefit of their early religious training received at his hands. He is a man actuated by noble purpose, who endeavors to conduct his life in harmony with the teachings of the church, and he well merits the high measure of respect he entertains from his neighbors.

CHARLES WILKINS.

Charles Wilkins, who for more than three-quarters of a century actively engaged in the pursuit of agriculture and stock-raising in Mary Ann township, this county, and who now in his eighty-first year has laid aside the active duties of life and is living in retirement, enjoying the fruits of his long years of honest labor, was born on an adjoining farm January 11, 1828, a son of Daniel and Rebecca (Barnes) Wilkins, both of whom were natives of the state of Virginia and came to this county at an early date, his mother having settled here with her parents in 1811. Here they departed this life about the same time. Daniel Wilkins was among the early pioneers of the county and spent his entire life here, actively engaged in farming and stock-raising. His family numbered seven children, namely: Mary, who resides in Lima, Ohio; Charles, of this review; and Sarah A., Barbara, Albert, Jane and Joseph, all deceased.

Charles Wilkins was reared on the home farm and acquired his education in a log schoolhouse situated on his father's land, the little "temple of learning" being equipped with slab benches and other primitive furnishings characteristic of that early day. When his time was not occupied with the mastery of the lessons assigned him, he assisted in the labors of the home farm, where he remained until he had attained his majority. He now owns two hundred and seventy-two acres



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of rich and arable land, on which he has placed many improvements that bespeak his enterprising and progressive spirit. He inherited a part of his land and bought the interests of the other heirs in the property and at the present time owns ninety-two acres of his father's old homestead. His present highly cultivated and well improved farm bears little resemblance to the wild and undeveloped tract on which he began his labors as an agriculturist. From year to year he worked with unremitting energy and his place has long since been provided with every convenience, including a comfortable home, substantial barn and outbuildings and machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. Here he engaged in producing general crops, raising hay, wheat, oats and other grain and at the same time taking some interest in stock-raising, until he retired from active life to enjoy the fruits of his long season of labor.

In 1857 Mr. Wilkins was united in marriage to Miss Abigail Smith, a native of the state of New York and a daughter of Adam and Phoebe Smith, by whom he had the following children: Horace B., residing on the home farm; Phoebe Jane, deceased; Nelson, who resides in this county; Nettie Ann, the wife of Milton Wilkins, who likewise assists in the cultivation of the home farm; Emma May, deceased; and James Harvey, who has also passed away. The mother of these children was called to her final rest on the 28th of May, 1908, when in the seventy-sixth year of her age. Mr. Wilkins has always been prominent in the affairs of the township and among other services which he has rendered the corporation is that of trustee, in which capacity he has served for several terms. He is a man of noble character who has never permitted the pressure of business life to usurp the time he ought to give to his religious duties and he has always been a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, where he regularly attends divine services and of which he is a liberal supporter. His wife was likewise a consistent and devoted member of that church. His long career has been one of great usefulness and throughout his many years he has endeavored to so live that his character might be unsullied and that by his example he might exert a Christian influence upon those with whom he came in contact and, having been a good man, he has always merited and entertained the respect of his neighbors, so that now in his declining years he may look backward upon a well spent life which need cause him no regrets, and forward to a glorious immortality, which is the earnest of the faith he holds as a Christian.

H. B. ANDERSON, M. D.

Among the prominent, energetic and successful business and professional men of Newark, Dr. H. B. Anderson is numbered, and he enjoys the high regard of his fellow townsmen in this city, where his entire life has been passed. Here he first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 23d of February, 1878. His father, William A. Anderson, was a native of Zanesville, Ohio, and became an engineer of the Baltimore & Ohio railway, acting in that capacity for many years. He ran the first engine over the Shawnee division of the road, and at length died as the result of an accident which he met while performing his duties on the 14th day

of November, 1881, when thirty-six years of age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Rachael A. Armstrong, was a native of Franklin township, Licking county, and a daughter of John and Margaret Armstrong, pioneer settlers of Licking county, while her uncle was Squire Armstrong, who figured prominently here at an early date.

H. B. Anderson was educated in the Newark high school, completing the course by graduation with the class of 1897. He studied medicine in the Ohio Medical University, and is numbered among its alumni of 1902. He then commenced the practice of medicine in Newark, and has remained here in the active prosecution of his profession to the present time, his office being within one hundred yards of his birthplace. The true measure of success is determined by what one has accomplished, and, as taken in contradistinction to the old adage that "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country," there is peculiar interest attached to the career of the subject of this review, since he is a native son of the state where he has passed his entire life, and through his ability and efforts he has gained recognition as one of the representative physicians of Newark. He is a member of the Licking County and Ohio State Medical Associations and the American Medical Association, and in addition to his private practice has served as surgeon for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad for the past three years.

On the 25th of September, 1907, Dr. Anderson was married to Miss Amy Carew Franklin, a daughter of Edward H. Franklin, of Newark. The young couple are well known in the social circles of the city and enjoy in large measure the esteem of an extensive circle of warm friends. Dr. Anderson belongs to the Acme Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and to the Royal Arcanum. His life history is as an open book to his fellow townsmen, and the respect which is uniformly tendered him is an indication of his fidelity to the principles which govern upright and honorable manhood.

THOMAS B. HILLMAN.

Thomas B. Hillman, now deceased, who for many years was a well-known stockman of Licking township, this county, was born in Indiana, November 29, 1836, a son of William and Jane Hillman. The father was a Virginian who left his native state, locating in Indiana and later in Iowa, where both he and his wife passed away. Thomas B. Hillman, who was one of a large family, was reared in Indiana and Iowa. He was educated in the common schools of Toledo, Iowa, and his early life was spent on his father's farm, where he remained until he was twenty-one years of age, at that period of his life repairing to Kansas, where he took up a claim which he disposed of at the time of his marriage. He then located in Ohio, residing six months on a farm in Licking township, subsequently removing to the farm whereon he departed this life in 1888, his remains being interred in the old family graveyard in Licking township.

Mr. Hillman was an aggressive agriculturist and at the time of his death owned three hundred acres of excellent land, provided with substantial improvements. He enjoyed the reputation of being one of the best farmers in this

part of the county. He was well versed in every department of agriculture, and while he raised general products he made a specialty of hog breeding, becoming well known throughout the county in this connection. His hogs were in great demand and he carried on a lucrative business as a buyer.

In the year 1861 Mr. Hillman was united in marriage to Phœbe A. Green, who was born in this township, and came from an old Virginia family. Mrs. Hillman's parents were Benjamin and Mary Green. Her mother is still alive at the advanced age of ninety-eight years, living in Hebron. Her father, a local clergyman, well known throughout the county for his Christian integrity and zeal, passed away some time ago. His was a career of great usefulness, particularly to the small congregations scattered throughout this region. Mrs. Hillman was one of a family of six children, and to her have been born six children, the first and second of whom passed away in infancy, the remaining ones being: John L., a Methodist Episcopal clergyman, stationed in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; William B., manager of a typewriting concern in Cleveland, this state; Mary R., a foreign missionary, at present stationed in Korea; and Oren R., who married Miss Blanch Lees. The couple have one child, Phœbe Ellen, and reside on the old homestead of his father.

Politically Mr. Hillman supported the republican party during his early life, but later gave his allegiance to the democratic party, for whose candidates he cast his vote until the time of his death. He was a man particularly interested in church work and desirous of doing what he could to advance the moral and spiritual life of those with whom he came in contact, and especially those of the community in which he resided. As a member of the Methodist Episcopal church he brought to bear, both among the members of that congregation and also among the citizens of the neighborhood, all the moral force he could to the end of advancing the interests of the church, and thereby contributing to the higher life of his fellow citizens. He was known everywhere as a man who considered a good name better than worldly possessions. His entire life was spent in striving to live in obedience to the dictates of his Master, and his death, owing to the fact that he was ever faithful in following in the footsteps of Him whose name he professed, far from being a loss or deprivation, was in every sense a gain by reason of the fact that in leaving this world he entered into the peace and rest of that better country upon which his eyes had always been set.

CLARENCE V. FLEMING.

There is no resident of Madison township who enjoys in larger degree or more fully deserves the confidence and good will of his fellow townsmen than Clarence V. Fleming. Straightforward, reliable and energetic, he is a splendid type of the progressive business man. He was born in Hanover township, Licking county, February 20, 1867, of the marriage of Nathan C. and Mary (Van Voorhis) Fleming, both of whom were natives of this county. Extended mention of the parents is made on another page of this work. On the home farm in Hanover township the son was reared and after mastering the branches of learning

taught in the district schools, continued his education in the Hanover high school, in Denison college at Granville and in the Business College in Zanesville. He then located on a farm, where he now resides, and has continuously given his attention to its cultivation and improvement along the modern lines of farming. His place comprises one hundred and ninety-two acres of land, its neat and thrifty appearance indicating his careful supervision and practical methods. He erected thereon his present residence and also a large and substantial barn and today the farm is one of the best improved in the county.

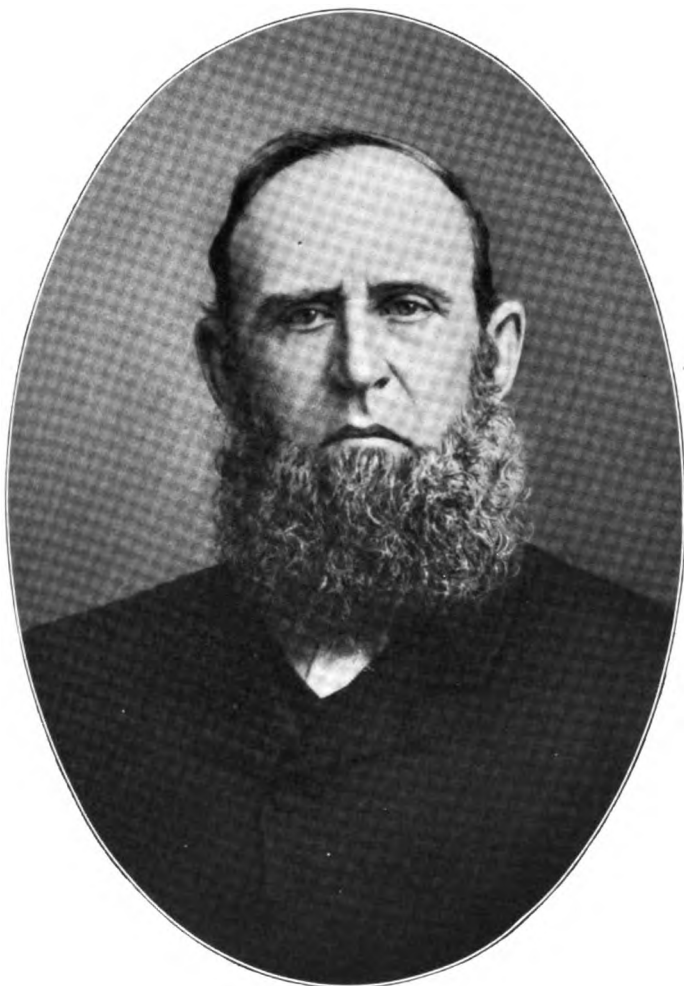
On the 14th of October, 1886, Mr. Fleming was married to Miss Martha Yancy, a daughter of Frank Yancy, of Hanover township. Two children bless this union, Clyde V. and Clara F., the latter now attending the Newark high school.

Mr. Fleming gives his political allegiance to the republican party and always keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. For several years he has served as a member of the school board and the cause of education finds in him a warm and stalwart friend, his labors being effective in upholding the standard of public instruction here. He is socially connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. All who know him speak of him in terms of praise and high regard and he belongs to that class of substantial men who uphold the political and legal status and promote the intellectual and moral progress of the community.

HOWARD MELVIN LOOKER.

The home farm of Howard Melvin Looker is pleasantly and conveniently situated about a mile and a half north of Wagram. It has been his place of residence throughout his entire life. Here his birth occurred September 12, 1866, his parents being William M. and Hettie M. (Wickliff) Looker. The father was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, January 28, 1838, and in September, 1854, came to Licking county, Ohio, with his parents, John and Mary Looker, who settled on a farm in the northern part of Lima township, purchasing there a tract of land, which John Looker tilled and cultivated for a number of years. He had one hundred and thirty-five acres of land and as the years passed he transformed this into a productive tract, from which he gathered good harvests. Both he and his wife died on that place. Their children were: William; Thomas, deceased; Catharine, the deceased wife of Junius Wolcott; Mary, the wife of Alonzo Beem, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work; John; and Rachael Ann and Margaret, who died in Virginia before the removal of the family to Ohio.

William Looker was a youth of sixteen when he accompanied his parents to this county, after which he spent his entire life upon the farm here. He was married December 7, 1865, to Miss Hettie Wickliff, a daughter of Joshua and Sarah (Huntwork) Wickliff. The father was of Irish parentage and was born soon after his parents, George and Isabella Wickliff, arrived in this country from the Emerald isle. The Wickliffs became pioneer residents of Licking county and here spent their remaining days. In the family of Joshua Wickliff were the



WILLIAM LOOKER

following named sons and daughters: George, who died while serving in the Union army; Mrs. Looker; Martha Jane; Leah; Joseph; Joshua; John; Sarah; and Harvey. Of this family Mrs. Looker is still living and now makes her home with her son, Howard. The death of William M. Looker occurred November 26, 1897. He had been for many years a respected and valued resident of Lima township and was recognized as a citizen of genuine worth. The family numbered two children: Howard; and William M., who is married, has five children and resides in Columbus.

Howard M. Looker has spent his entire life on the farm which is yet his home. It is a tract of eighty-eight acres and in its further development and improvement he displays keen business discernment and unfaltering enterprise. He is a man of resolute purpose, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes and is numbered among the progressive agriculturists of this community.

Miss Sadie Wickliff, a niece of Mrs. Looker, is now the adopted daughter of Mrs. Looker and has resided with the family since her infancy.

CHARLES W. MONTGOMERY.

Charles W. Montgomery, a successful practitioner at the Newark bar, was born in Granville, Licking county, Ohio, September 18, 1880. He traces his ancestry back to Henry Montgomery, his great-grandfather, who was the founder of the family in America. A native of County Tyrone, Ireland, he arrived in Pennsylvania in 1795, accompanied by his parents, and in 1809 came to Licking county, settling in Perry township. In the meantime, however, he and two brothers and a half-brother had gone from Pennsylvania to Virginia, and from the latter state made their way to Ohio. The two brothers settled in Madison township and the family thus became closely associated with the pioneer development of the county, for at the time of their arrival here much of the land was still in possession of the government, and was entirely uncultivated. There were still many evidences of Indian occupancy, and it was no unusual thing for the red men to visit the settlements, but on the whole they were peaceable and did not to any extent contest the invasion of the white race.

John H. Montgomery, the grandfather of Charles W. Montgomery, was born on the old homestead farm in Perry township, September 25, 1825, and was reared in this county, becoming closely and prominently identified with its agricultural and stock-raising interests. For forty-two years he lived in Granville township and was one of the leading and influential residents there. He made a specialty of raising Shorthorn cattle and paid the highest price for his breeding stock of any man in Ohio. He did much to improve the grade of cattle raised in this part of the state, and thus directly promoted the prosperity of the farming community. He married Margaret Lane, a native of St. Albans township, Licking county, whose people came from Maine in 1817, and here took up their abode, casting in their lot with the early settlers of St. Albans township. Mrs. Margaret Montgomery was born in 1827 and died on the 22d of February, 1870.

The birth of Wesley Montgomery, father of Charles W. Montgomery, occurred in Harrison township, Licking county, November 7, 1858, and he attended the public schools, but at an early age began work and for a long period was identified with the agricultural and stock-raising interests. In those lines he was quite successful and was recognized as a prominent representative of that department of business. In more recent years, however, he has given his attention to industrial, commercial and financial interests, and his intense and well directed activity has constituted a factor in the business progress and upbuilding of this part of the state. Removing to Granville in 1893, he organized the firm of Pratt & Montgomery, in connection with P. L. Pratt, for the manufacture of veneered doors, interior finishings, etc. The business was conducted for about three years in Granville and then removed to Newark in 1896. Success attended the venture and the business was carefully conducted, becoming one of the leading industrial concerns of the city. In 1903, however, Wesley Montgomery sold his interests and turned his attention to other business affairs. He had for many years been connected individually with the lumber trade, and on his retirement from the firm of Pratt & Montgomery he branched out into other fields, and is now recognized as one of the resourceful and enterprising business men, conducting interests along various lines. He is connected with lumber, agricultural and real estate interests, with contracting and building, and with financial affairs as a director of the Licking County Bank. With keen sagacity he has recognized opportunity for favorable investment and in the control of extensive business affairs he has shown the keenest discrimination combined with marked executive ability.

While the life work of Wesley Montgomery has been crowned with notable and gratifying success, he has never made the accumulation of wealth his sole aim, and as he has prospered has given generously in support of many movements and projects for the public good. The Methodist church, in which he holds membership, finds in him a liberal contributor as well as an active worker, and he has also been generous in his support of the Young Men's Christian Association. He was a representative to the general conference of his church at Baltimore in 1908. He is one of the members and directors of the board of trade and has thus been instrumental in securing the location of important industrial concerns in Newark. His aid to the city has been along most practical and beneficial lines, and Newark is proud to number him among her representatives.

On the 24th of December, 1879, Wesley Montgomery was united in marriage to Miss Alice Reece, of Granville, who died October 26, 1904. He has since married Florence Croyle, a native of Pittsburg.

Charles W. Montgomery, son of Wesley and Alice (Reece) Montgomery, was educated in the Granville schools, passing through consecutive grades until he was graduated from the high school. He afterward entered the Denison University and was graduated with the class of 1900. He then determined upon the practice of law as his life work, and to this end studied in the Ohio State University, passing an examination which secured his admission to the bar in 1903. He located in Newark, becoming associated with Edward Kibler, with whom he has been in practice, under the firm name of Kibler & Montgomery, for the past three years, or since the retirement of the judge from the bench. Mr. Montgomery belongs to the Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Delta Phi college fraternities, a legal fraternity,

and he has a bright future before him in his profession, for he has displayed the requisite qualities of the successful attorney—carefully preparing his cases and analyzing the points in litigation with a clearness that enables all to see the related interests and to discriminate between the essential and the non-essential points in the evidence. Moreover, Mr. Montgomery is recognized as a prominent republican, and while he is not an office seeker for himself, he has done effective work in behalf of the party, serving as chairman of the republican county committee for three years. A century has passed since the Montgomery family was established in this county, and the name has ever been a synonym for progressiveness in business and for loyalty in citizenship.

LEWIS HEADLEE.

Lewis Headlee, who for many years engaged in the pursuit of agriculture and stock-raising in Harrison township, this county, and who entered into rest, after a long and useful life, on August 22, 1884, was one of the most prosperous farmers of this part of the state and a man whose high moral character and the interest he took in the general welfare of the community merited him the confidence and respect of all who had the pleasure of meeting him. He was a native of Greene county, Pennsylvania, born February 4, 1808, and a son of John and Lydia (Headlee) Headlee. In the family were seven children, namely: Phineas, Eli, Enos, Lucy and Rachael, twins, Katherine and Lewis.

The boyhood days of Lewis Headlee were spent on his father's farm in Greene county, Pennsylvania, and there he attended the district schools, where he acquired his education, remaining under the parental roof until he was of age, at which period of his life he went to Newton, Pennsylvania. There for several years he engaged in the mercantile business, meeting with a high measure of success and, upon giving up that enterprise, he removed to this county, settling in Summit Station, where he remained eighteen years, nine years of which he served as justice of the peace. The duties of that office he had also performed while a resident of Newton, where he followed general farming and stock-raising on five hundred acres of land, most of which he cleared and improved. His farm produced great quantities of the best quality of hay and oats and he did quite a business in all kinds of stock, having fed many head annually which he shipped to the markets throughout the state. Subsequently he disposed of this farm and removed to Harrison township, where in 1867 he bought two hundred and sixty-six acres of land, later adding one hundred and five acres, all of which he cleared, fenced and thoroughly drained, his premises being known as the "Old Pigeon Swamp" farm, to which he had given sufficient attention to make it one of the most desirable in the county. Here he spent the remainder of his days in general farming and stock-raising.

On October 30, 1856, he was united in marriage to Miss Minerva Shannon, a daughter of John and Kisiah (Rodgers) Shannon, both of whom were natives of Kentucky, having come to this county at an early date, settling in what is now known as Summit Station, Lima township. The Shannon family included nine

children, namely: John, deceased; Thomas, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; Ellen; Robert, who resides in Hiawatha, Kansas, with his wife, Susan Bessee, a native of Summit Station, by whom he has had nine children; Margaret, deceased; Minerva; David, who wedded Miss Anna Ramsey, of Columbus, Ohio, by whom he had nine children, the couple residing in Nebraska; and Emma, deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Headlee were born: Phineas; Flora; Thomas; Benson and Adda, who reside at home; Wilbur; Emma; and Zella; two children having departed this life in infancy. Mr. Headlee was a staunch republican and always took active interest in the affairs of his party. Prominent in local politics, he served for many years as justice of the peace and was so efficient in that office as to have established for himself a wide reputation throughout the county and many persons sought his advice in legal matters, since he was well known and respected for his fairness, wisdom and executive ability. He also performed the duties of justice of the peace at Kirkersville all the while he resided there. Among other services which he rendered the county was that of trustee of the infirmary, the duties of which position he efficiently performed for a number of years. Mr. Headlee was a man of high moral character who, amid the pressure of his business affairs and agricultural interests, always found time to give to his religious obligations and attended divine services at the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he was a leading steward and to which he was a large contributor. He was well known throughout the county not only for his industry and enterprise but for his extraordinary intelligence and legal knowledge and, being a man of upright character, who always endeavored to so shape his conduct as to keep his name above reproach, he was ever held in the highest respect by his fellow citizens.

SYLVESTER LEAMON.

Sylvester Leamon is an attorney at law at Croton, where he has practiced continuously for thirty years with the exception of two years passed in Newark. He was born June 5, 1840, in Hartford township, Licking county, a son of John and Hannah (Postlewaite) Leamon, who came from the Shenandoah valley of Virginia in the early period of the history of this county. He began the work of clearing the land, became a prosperous farmer and after doing his full share in the world's work passed away in 1890 at the ripe old age of eighty-three years.

Sylvester Leamon was reared on the home farm and was educated in the district schools of Hartford township. He won more than local fame because of the ability which he displayed in the many spelling contests which were popular in those days between the country schools. When not busy with his text-books he was employed in the labors of the farm and early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He farmed until twenty-eight years of age but three years prior to that time he took up the study of law and was admitted to the bar on the 20th of June, 1879, before a committee of the circuit court in Newark, the committee stating that he passed the highest examination of any applicant up to that time. Mr. Leamon located for practice in Croton, where he has maintained an office continuously since with the exception



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of the years 1900 and 1901, when he practiced in Newark. He continued to reside in Croton during that time and after two years returned to practice here and has since been a well known attorney of the town. He makes a specialty of probate court practice and is recognized as a lawyer of marked ability who is most loyal to the interests of his clients. He has enjoyed a liberal patronage as the years have gone by and in the preparation of cases is always thorough, so that he is well qualified to meet the attacks of the opposing counsel. For thirty-six years he has been a notary public and is a democrat in politics. He is recognized as a brilliant man in campaign work for his party but has never sought office for himself and never was a candidate for any political position, although frequently urged to accept a nomination for office. He has preferred to do his public service as a private citizen and yet he is most loyal in his advocacy of the political principles in which he believes.

On the 2d of December, 1871, Mr. Leamon was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Crow, a daughter of William and Margaret (Payne) Crow, who were natives of Licking county. They had one son, who began teaching school when only fifteen years of age and soon became one of the most successful and popular teachers of the county. After following that profession for a number of years, however, he gave up the work to accept a position in the railway mail service with headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana. There he contracted typhoid fever and died in 1903, leaving a widow, Mrs. Lillian (Hoover) Leamon, and four children.

Sylvester Leamon has a very wide acquaintance in Croton and Licking county, where he has always lived and where his sterling qualities of manhood have gained for him the unqualified regard and good will of those with whom he has been associated. While there are no exciting chapters in his life record, it is that of a man who has always been faithful to duty, performing every professional service with a sense of conscientious obligation.

DAVID A. BRICKER.

The part which David A. Bricker has taken in the early life interests of Utica and Licking county well entitles him to representation in this volume as one of the leading and influential citizens of his community. While in business life he has been active and energetic, he has at the same time found opportunity for cooperation in public measures that are deemed essential to the general welfare, and in social relations he has manifested the sterling traits of character that in every land and clime awaken confidence and good will. A native of Licking county, Mr. Bricker was born in Washington township, near Utica, April 5, 1854, a son of Hiram and Melissa (Bell) Bricker. The father was born in Morgan township, Knox county, Ohio, in 1827, while the mother's birth occurred in Washington township, this county, February 14, 1836. She was a daughter of Isaac Bell, a native of Pennsylvania, who in his childhood days came to Ohio with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bell, who were among the first settlers in this part of the state, establishing their home just across the boundary line in Knox county. As the years passed James Bell aided in converting the wild land into productive farms and was

among those who laid broad and deep the foundation upon which the present progress and prosperity of the county has been built. Hiram Bricker, the father of David A. Bricker, spent his entire life in this vicinity, following the occupation of farming in order to provide for his family. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted from Licking county in response to the call for men, and served for one hundred days. He joined Company A of the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, entering the service as first lieutenant while before the expiration of his term he was commissioned captain. He was regarded for many years as a prominent and influential resident of this community and in days of peace, as in days of war, his patriotism was one of his marked characteristics. Unto him and his wife were born eleven children, so that there were thirteen at the family table when David A. Bricker was twenty-five years of age. He was the oldest of the family, the others being: Katharine, the wife of Ray McWilliams, of Newton township; Anna Bell, the wife of Frank Mercer, of Newark; Elizabeth, the wife of Hugh C. Harrison, of Jennings, Iowa; Virginia, the wife of James Seward, of Indianapolis, Indiana; James F., living on the old home farm in Morgan township, Knox county; Emma, the wife of Frank Forey, of Marysville, Ohio; Cary T., a druggist of Newark; Laura, the wife of J. B. Warren, of Newark; Charles, living in Kirkersville, this county; and Nellie, who is with her mother. The death of the husband and father occurred February 23, 1901, and the mother still survives, now making her home in Utica.

The name Bricker is of German origin. Three brothers came to America from Germany, but at what date is not exactly known, and settled in Maryland. One branch of the family created by these brothers, went to eastern Pennsylvania, from Maryland, making that their permanent home. From this branch quite a numerous progeny sprang up, and subsequently a number of their descendants settled in Richland county, Ohio, near Shelby. Lewis (or Ludwig), the paternal great-grandfather of David A. Bricker, moved from Maryland to western Pennsylvania shortly after the Revolutionary war, in which he was a soldier, and from whom also sprang a large family. Sometime in the early part of 1800 the above mentioned Lewis Bricker removed to what is now Liberty township in Knox county, and located two thousand acres of land, and induced a number of his children to settle thereon. He, however, never lived on this property. David Bricker, father of Hiram Bricker, who was the father of David A. Bricker of this sketch, was born in Pennsylvania in 1799. He was married to Indiana Cox, in 1818, and her birth occurred in 1798. Sometime after this marriage they went to Knox county, but did not remain there any length of time; instead, they came to Morgan township, in 1821, where Mr. Bricker bought a farm on Tuma Run, which he at once proceeded to clear. He soon became one of the well-to-do citizens of the community. His death occurred September 14, 1878, and took place at his residence in Utica, where he had resided for some time prior to his demise. David and Indiana Bricker were the parents of six children: Elizabeth, Christopher, Emeline, Annabell, Hiram and Demas, all passed away. Hiram was raised on the farm, was educated in the common schools, and as a vocation dealt largely in live-stock, together with that of caring for a large farm. He drove stock over the mountains to the Baltimore market for several years. February 17, 1853, he was married to Melissa Bell, daughter of Isaac Bell, and moved to a farm in Washington township, where

he remained twenty years. On this farm he often had as many as one thousand head of sheep at one time up to the year 1893, when the market became so unprofitable that he cut down the size of his flocks. He finally moved to the old homestead in Morgan township, and in 1893, retired to Utica, where his death occurred in 1901, in the seventy-fourth year of his age. His widow is still living in the Utica residence and is as active today as a woman of fifty. She is a strenuous worker in the Church of Christ, and a liberal contributor toward its support.

David A. Bricker was reared on the old home farm, remaining with his parents until 1872, when the family removed to Morgan township, Knox county. He was then a youth of eighteen years. His life had been devoted to general agricultural pursuits and merchandising, and he has always sustained an enviable reputation in business circles. In 1879 he married and returned to the farm on which he was born, there devoting his time and energies to general agriculture until March, 1893, when he removed to Utica, where he has since made his home. He still owns a farm and derives therefrom a substantial annual income. On taking up his abode in the town he established a hardware store which he conducted successfully until 1897, when it was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of ten thousand dollars, with only thirty-five hundred dollars covered by insurance. He then became clerk for C. W. Jewell, with whom he remained for ten years, or until April, 1907, since which time he has lived retired, enjoying the rest which he has surely earned and richly deserves. In all of his business career there has not been one esoteric phase. At all times he has been strictly honorable as well as active and enterprising, and the success which he has achieved represents the fit utilization of his time, talents and opportunities.

In 1879 Mr. Bricker was united in marriage to Miss Nannie S. Harrison, who was born in Clay township, Knox county, on a farm near Martinsburg, Ohio, February 23, 1859. She is a daughter of James and Mary Jane (Penick) Harrison, the former a native of Knox county and the latter of Pennsylvania. Her father spent his entire life on the place of his birth with the exception of a brief period of three years, and died at the age of seventy-seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Bricker have become the parents of one daughter, Mary, who has just entered Oberlin University, having won a scholarship which entitles her to a four years' course in that institution.

In his political views Mr. Bricker is a republican, giving unflinching allegiance to the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. In 1875 he was elected treasurer of Morgan township, Knox county, which was at that time very strongly democratic. After his first term he was reelected, serving until his marriage and removal to Washington township in 1879. In 1880 he was elected a trustee of his township and served for seventeen consecutive years—a fact which stands in incontrovertible evidence of his promptness and fidelity in discharging his duties. He was also township clerk and a member of the village board and of the village council until 1904, when he was elected mayor of Utica and served for three years, or until the 1st of January, 1908, giving to the town a public spirited and progressive administration, characterized by the same substantial qualities which he has manifested in his business life. The American Issue, in speaking of his public life, says: "A man of high morals and a strong temperance advocate, he believed in law enforcement and proceeded to 'put on the lid.' For awhile, he was handicapped for want of a good marshal; but, after securing the

appointment of Mr. Al Vance, he began his campaign against vice, for a clean town. In this he was supported by the law-abiding citizens, but was bitterly outraged by the gambling and liquor element.

"Believing that the liquor laws were being violated, Mayor Bricker brought detectives, who secured evidence against two druggists, one doctor and one boot-legger. These were brought to trial and fined from one hundred dollars to one hundred and fifty dollars each. This met the approval of the temperance people, but increased the bitterness of the liquor element. Mayor Bricker has been bitterly attacked by the liquor element, but went right on doing his duty.

"In addition to many minor arrests for liquor violations, Mr. Bricker raided poker joints, fined the gamblers and did much more to punish vice, besides settling many cases out of court. Altogether, during his administration, more arrests were made and more than twice the amount collected in fines than in all the previous history of the town. As a result of this, although with increasing population, many of the rougher element came, Utica was one of the most orderly towns to be found."

He became a charter member of Morgan Grange, Knox county, being connected therewith from 1872 until 1879. He belongs to the Sons of Veterans and for the past thirty-two years has been a devoted and helpful member of the Church of Christ of Utica, in which he is now serving as elder and Sunday-school superintendent. Public spirited and progressive in his citizenship, he cooperates in all movements for the material, intellectual, political and moral progress of his community and the work that he has accomplished and the methods that he has pursued have made him a valued and representative resident of his native county.

SAMUEL J. MOTHERSPAUGH.

Samuel J. Motherspough, who is largely interested in agriculture and stock raising in Franklin township, this county, is a native of the township, where his birth occurred November 27, 1850. His ancestors were among the pioneers of this part of the county, his maternal great-grandfather, John Fesel, having come to this region at an early date. His first dwelling consisted of a cabin constructed simply of four uprights supporting a roof made out of brush, which he later vacated and entered a log cabin having a split puncheon floor, and in this he spent his remaining days. The paternal grandfather, Daniel Motherspough, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and came here early in life, locating on the farm in Franklin township where he passed his remaining days with his wife, who bore the maiden name of Christina Fesel, and who was a native of Shenandoah, Virginia, coming here with her people in childhood. Among their children was John, who was born and reared on his father's farm, which he finally inherited and operated until he departed this life, February 22, 1896, when his remains were interred in the Lutheran cemetery. His wife, also a native of Franklin township, survives him and resides with her son, Samuel J. In politics he was a democrat, and during his career held a number of township offices, among which was that of trustee. He was also quite influential in the Lutheran church, of which he



S. J. MOTHERSPAUGH AND FAMILY

was a member and in the affairs of which he was a leading factor and promoter, having served for a number of years on the board of deacons. They reared a family of four children, namely: Samuel J.; Lucinda, deceased; Amelia A., deceased; and Ella, deceased.

During his boyhood days Samuel J. Motherspaugh passed through the experiences common to a country lad on his father's farm, assisting in performing various home duties during the summer season and in the winter availing himself of the educational opportunities of the neighboring schools, and upon completing his studies he remained upon the home farm until he was twenty-six years of age, at which period of his life he was united in marriage and settled down on a farm where he has since resided. He owns forty-seven acres and controls one hundred and fifty acres of fine farm land which at present is the property of his mother and which will eventually revert to him. He operates both farms, engaging principally in the production of general crops, carrying on stock raising on a small scale. His farm is in fine condition since Mr. Motherspaugh is very particular about the appearance of his premises and is always solicitous to keep his buildings and fences in repair, so that the entire place bears every evidence of the enterprising spirit of the owner.

In 1875 Mr. Motherspaugh wedded Miss Anna R. Fravel, a native of Shenandoah county, Virginia, the same county in which was born Mr. Motherspaugh's grandmother, and to this union have been born two children, the first having departed this life in infancy, while Chester C. was born May 17, 1885. The circumstances attending the death of Chester C., an engraving of whom is shown on the opposite page, were very distressing. While mounting his horse he slipped and caught his foot in the stirrup, receiving injuries from which he never recovered. In fact he never regained consciousness after the accident and passed away ten days later, his remains being interred in the Lutheran cemetery on the 31st of July, 1899. The old saying, "Those whom the gods love die young" was exemplified in this instance. He was a young lad whom every one loved and admired and his death came as a great blow to his parents and was deeply mourned in the surrounding community. C. W. Seifert officiated at the funeral services. Politically Mr. Motherspaugh supports the democratic party, and has served efficiently in the township as road supervisor, and also as school director. He is a member of the local Grange and is affiliated with the Lutheran church, to which his wife also belongs and in which both are ardent workers. He devotes his entire time to his farm and his aggressive spirit being well known throughout the township, as is also his reputation for integrity, he is a man who merits the respect of all as a substantial citizen.

FRED W. HOBART.

Agricultural advancement is well conserved through the efforts and industry of Fred W. Hobart, who owns and occupies what is known as the old Hobart homestead of one hundred and fifty acres. It was upon this farm, a mile north of Granville, that his birth occurred January 13, 1872, and it has been his place

of residence continuously since. Here he follows general farming and makes a specialty also of raising good horses and operates a cider mill. His father, Henry Warden Hobart, long a prominent resident of the county, was a representative of old pioneer families. He also came of Revolutionary stock, his maternal great grandfather, Jonas Warden, having commanded a company with the rank of captain in the war which gave rise to the republic. The grandfather, Gabriel Warden, served as a captain in the war of 1812. His daughter, Mary Warden, was born in the state of Vermont, which was also the birthplace of Giles Hobart, to whom she gave her hand in marriage in Ohio, they having come with their respective parents to this city in early days. Unto them were born five sons and a daughter: Henry Warden, whose birth occurred in Granville township, September 22, 1836; Martha, the wife of S. J. Everett, a farmer of Granville township; Heman L., a farmer of Cass county, Missouri; Louis M., deceased; George B., who follows agricultural pursuits in Kansas, and Wesley J., of Columbus. Giles Hobart continued a resident of Licking county until his death in 1873, when he was sixty-two years of age, while his wife died a few years later at the age of sixty-four years.

Henry Warden Hobart attended the district schools and the Academy at Granville. He chose as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared and became a successful agriculturist, remaining always a resident of Granville with the exception of the year 1858, which he spent in Kansas. He was married, January 31, 1859, to Miss Hattie E. Irish, the wedding being performed in Granville by the Rev. Jacob Little, one of the old-time and honored ministers. Mrs. Hobart was born in Chittenden county, Vermont, in 1838, and represented an old New England family. When fifteen years of age she came to Granville with an aunt and attended the old Episcopal Seminary, then under the management of Dr. Sanburn. She engaged in teaching for a few years prior to her marriage and afterward devoted her energies to the care of her household. Three children were born of this union: Ida May, who died in her seventh year; Carrie L., who was born August 19, 1861 and died April 27, 1904; and Fred W., whose name introduces this record. The father owned a valuable farm of one hundred and fifty acres and was engaged in breeding registered Spanish Merino sheep. His place was splendidly improved and gave indication of his careful management and progressive ideas. He erected a fine residence upon a natural building site in the midst of beautiful shade and ornamental trees, and made his place one of the finest country homes in the county. He could always be counted upon to further any progressive measure calculated to prove of benefit to the community, and while he usually voted with the republican party he did not consider himself bound by party ties. He remained an honored and respected resident of the county until his death, which occurred August 13, 1900. His wife still survives and is now a resident of Granville.

Upon the old home farm Fred W. Hobart was reared and in the public schools he acquired his education. As he advanced in years and strength, he assisted his father more and more largely in the work of the fields, and afterward came into possession of the old homestead, which comprises one hundred and fifty acres of rich and productive land, constituting one of the fine and well developed farms of the county. He uses the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of

the fields, practices the rotation of crops, studies the condition of the soil and stands as an exponent of modern, scientific farming. In addition to cultivating the fields he makes a specialty of raising good draft and road horses and owns imported Belgium stock. He also has a cider mill on his place which he operates in the fall, a maple sugar bush, a peach orchard of twenty-five hundred trees and also an apple orchard. All these features make his place very attractive for the entertainment of many students at Denison University, and it is a popular thing with them to visit the sugar bush and the cider mill, so that he frequently entertains a hundred at a time.

On the 30th of October, 1895, Mr. Hobart was married to Miss Anna Watkins, who was born in Granville township, July 23, 1875, a daughter of David and Mary Watkins, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. They became parents of four children, but Ernest died at the age of seven months. The others are Ethel, Dorothy and Ruth. Mr. and Mrs. Hobart are well known and popular not only with their neighbors but with the citizens of Granville, and many throughout the county. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, while his fraternal relations are with the Knights of Pythias at Granville. He is a worthy representative of a prominent pioneer family and his record reflects credit upon the untarnished family name.

RAYMOND O. MARTIN.

Raymond O. Martin, filling the position of deputy auditor in Newark, was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, August 27, 1883. His father, Adam L. Martin, was also a native of the same county and in 1897 removed to Licking county, settling in Madison township where he resumed farming, in which work he is still engaged. His wife, Lucinda (Sagle) Martin, was also a native of Muskingum county.

Spending his boyhood and early youth there, Raymond O. Martin supplemented his district school training by study in Zanesville high school, and holds a teacher's certificate, but has never used it. He sought to follow some professional labor, and when eighteen years of age took up the study of law. He had no parental assistance or financial support of any kind, and was dependent upon his own resources for a living while pursuing his legal education. The hours which other young men usually devote to pleasure were given by him to the mastery of the principles of jurisprudence and in June, 1906, he was admitted to the bar, successfully passing the required examinations before the court at Columbus. He then opened an office in Newark, practicing until October of that year, when he was appointed deputy auditor, which position he has since filled. He has likewise served as clerk of the county board of elections and has been loyal in the discharge of his official duties, prompt and efficient.

On the 21st of June, 1906, Mr. Martin was married to Miss Pearl May Roberts, a native of Newark, and a daughter of William and Mary Roberts. They have now one son, Raymond Wright, born May 1, 1908. Mr. Martin is connected with the Modern Woodmen and Council No. 721 of the Knights of

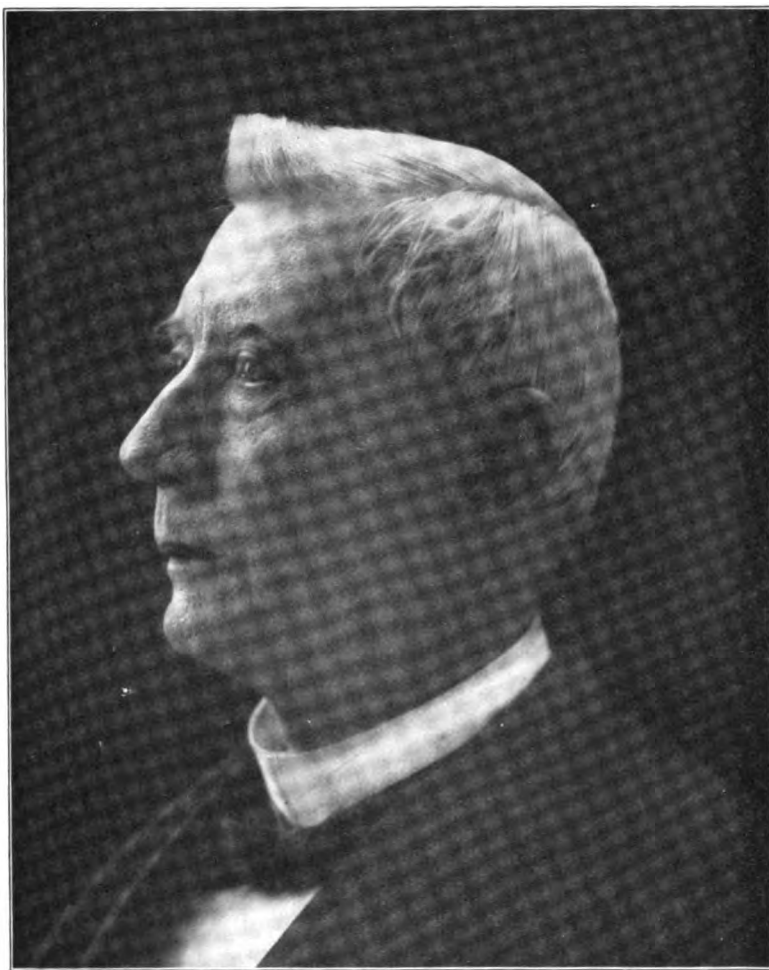
Columbus. He is a trustee of the Newark city library and is interested in all that pertains to municipal affairs along progressive lines, giving his support to every measure and movement that tends to the upbuilding and development of Newark. He is widely known and his acquaintance among the better class of Newark citizens indicates in him the possession of those qualities which win respect and regard in every land and clime.

JOSEPH H. NEWTON.

Joseph H. Newton was born January 10, 1836, at Smithfield, Jefferson county, Ohio, his parents being George F. and Eliza (Gray) Newton. When two years old his father removed to Holmes county, where the subject of this sketch acquired a common-school and academic education. At the age of eighteen years he left the student's desk for the printer's case. He learned the printing trade in the office of the *Holmes County Farmer*, of which his father at that time was the owner and proprietor, and when twenty years of age he became the editor of the paper, which was the official organ of the democratic party of Holmes county. On December 16, 1858, Mr. Newton and Miss Anna M. Sproal, a prominent and highly respected young woman of Millersburg, Ohio, went from that place to Mansfield, where they were married. By this marriage three children were born, two of whom, a son and a daughter, died in infancy. The third, Eliza, is the widow of the late Andrew H. Pierson, formerly business manager of the *Advocate*.

In 1859 Mr. Newton sold his interest in the *Holmes County Farmer* to Judge J. A. Estill. The following year he was appointed deputy auditor, his father at that time being the auditor. Later he was elected county auditor and the regard and esteem in which he was held by his friends and neighbors was greatly evidenced at that time. He took possession of the office in March, 1870, and served two terms. At that time and afterward he held a number of minor positions of trust and responsibility and was for ten years a member of the board of education of Millersburg.

Mr. Newton actively participated, in 1869, in the extension of what is now the Cleveland, Akron & Columbus Railroad from Millersburg to Mount Vernon and Columbus. The road in those days had its terminus at Millersburg but through his enterprise, coupled with that of prominent citizens of Mount Vernon who were interested in the company, it was extended to the state capital. In 1873 he was one of the prime movers in the Dresden branch of this railroad, the completion of which, however, was delayed some years on account of the financial panic of that year. During the period from 1870 to 1875 he was engaged in the coal and coal land business, the latter portion of which time he had an office in Cleveland. In the spring of 1877 he became occupied with J. A. Caldwell in the publication of local historical works, which engagement continued for nearly three years. During this time Mr. Newton wrote and edited histories of the counties of Clearfield, Jefferson and Venango in Pennsylvania, the four counties of the Pan Handle in West Virginia and the counties of Belmont and Jefferson in Ohio. Some of these works contained an exhaustive history of that interesting



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period in western annals when the Ohio river was the dividing line between the western frontier, settled by whites, and the trackless wilderness which was the abode of powerful tribes of hostile Indians, the preparation and editing of which required extensive and careful research.

In January, 1880, Mr. Newton became an editorial writer on the *Wheeling Register*, and manager of the weekly edition of that paper. In March of the same year he severed his connection with the *Wheeling Register* to become editor of the *Newark Advocate*, and during his continuous connection with the paper, covering a period of twenty-nine years, he has become well known throughout the state as a prominent editor. The *Advocate* is in every respect a democratic organ. The principles of Jefferson's party are vigorously supported and its uncompromising stand for democratic doctrine at all times has earned for it a well deserved place among the foremost democratic papers of the state.

Two years after Mr. Newton took charge of the *Advocate*, the *Daily Advocate* was started by him and the success that it has achieved is owing, more than anything else, to the energy and push of its founder. For a number of years it was considered the largest democratic daily published in any city the size of Newark in the state.

Mr. Newton, aside from his editorial work, has always been a great admirer of Izaak Walton and is an enthusiastic angler. His fondness for this sport and his knowledge of fish culture received recognition from Governor James E. Campbell, who in March, 1890, appointed him a member of the state board of fish and game commissioners. He served four years on this board and was then compelled to resign on account of numerous other duties, which made it impossible for him to give the position proper attention.

In July, 1893, Mr. Newton became postmaster of Newark and served until April, 1898, some nine months after the expiration of his term. He served on the state fish and game commission from 1890 to 1893 and was a trustee of the Massillon hospital board for four years under the administration of Governor Nash. For the past five years he has been president of the Ohio Democratic Editorial Association.

On December 16, 1908, Mr. and Mrs. Newton celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home in this city, the event being one of the most notable held here for some time.

SIMON LUTHER HAAS.

Simon Luther Haas, a prosperous and enterprising agriculturist of Washington township, was born on the farm where he still resides, on the 21st of December, 1842, his parents being John and Mary (Boyd) Haas, both of whom were natives of West Virginia. In 1814 the father accompanied his parents on their removal to Licking county, Ohio, the family home being established upon a farm which the grandfather purchased and on which he erected a log house and barn. The grandparents of our subject spent the remainder of their lives in this county and were numbered among the honored early settlers here. John

Haas, the father of Simon L. Haas, was called to his final rest in 1874, having for a long period survived his wife, who passed away in 1843. Unto this worthy couple were born five children, namely: J. K., William and J. W., all of whom are deceased; S. L., of this review; and one who died in infancy.

Simon Luther Haas obtained a common-school education and remained under the parental roof until he had reached the age of twenty-seven years, when he was united in marriage to Miss Delia Harris, a native of Licking county. Subsequent to the death of his first wife, who lived but a short time after her marriage, he wedded Miss Laura C. English, whose birth occurred in Newark township, November 5, 1847, her parents being Nathaniel and Rachel (Helphrey) English, also natives of this county. Mrs. Haas, who is a graduate of the Granville high school, was one of a family of four children, as follows: Mrs. John Watkins, a resident of Licking county; Mrs. Haas; and two who died in infancy. Unto our subject and his wife have been born two children: Mamie G., the wife of Samuel Rhyne, of Mount Vernon, Ohio; and John E., who is married and operates a part of his father's farm. Mr. and Mrs. Haas also have five grandchildren.

Subsequent to his marriage Mr. Haas rented the old homestead farm until his father's death, at which time he purchased the property and has since been successfully engaged in its cultivation and development. The farm comprises one hundred and ten acres of rich and productive land, and in addition to the work of the fields he has made a specialty of raising Norman horses and sheep, both branches of his business returning to him a gratifying annual income.

In his political views Mr. Haas is a staunch republican and has taken an active interest in the local work of the party, having served for seven years as supervisor and for twelve years as school director. His wife is a devoted member of the Christian church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Haas have spent their entire lives in this county and are well known and highly esteemed as worthy and respected representatives of honored pioneer families here.

JACOB J. NETHERS.

Jacob J. Nethers is a substantial agriculturist, owning and operating one hundred and sixty-five acres in Hanover township, on which he has made his home for a long period. He was born on his father's farm in this county, May 15, 1868, a son of Henry and Ann (Rector) Nethers, the former a native of Virginia, and the latter of Ohio. The father was a boy when he accompanied his parents from his native state to Muskingum county, Ohio, the family home being established near Fazeysburg. He there remained until about the time of his marriage, when he removed to Licking county and since that time has lived in Hanover and Perry townships, now making his home in the latter.

Jacob J. Nethers, whose name introduces this sketch, was reared on the home farm in Perry township and attended the common schools during the winter seasons, therein mastering the common branches of English learning. He was early trained to the duties of the home farm, assisting his father in the fields from the

time of early spring planting until the crops were harvested in the late autumn. This training and knowledge served him well when he started out to make his own way in the world and that he has met with success is indicated by the fine farm property he possesses, his tract comprising one hundred and sixty-five acres, situated in Hanover township. This place is improved with a good country residence, substantial barns and outbuildings and the fields, too, have been placed under a high state of cultivation, so that he annually harvests good crops.

It was in 1892 that Mr. Nethers established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Susanna Huffman, of Virginia township, Coshocton county, and in the fall of the same year he purchased and removed to his present farm where they have since made their home. Their union has been blessed with six children, Otto, William, Alfred, John, Ollie and George, all at home.

Mr. Nethers gives his political support to the democratic party and he is identified with the Masons, belonging to New Home lodge, No. 338, at Hanover. He and his estimable wife have a large circle of friends and the hospitality of their pleasant home is freely extended to all.

ROBERT S. McMILLEN.

General farming and stock-raising command the attention of Robert S. McMillen, in Newark township, where his birth occurred December 2, 1858, on a farm adjoining the one he now cultivates. His father, John McMillen, was born in Madison township November 15, 1820, and departed this life in Newark township on June 28, 1906. He dealt extensively in stock in connection with general farming and was not only a feeder but also a buyer and shipper and on an average kept on hand two hundred head of cattle. In this line of business he was considered one of the most successful men in the county and was acknowledged to be without a peer in judging the quality of horses, sheep and cattle. When he commenced life for himself he possessed but little, but, being ambitious, he applied himself industriously until he acquired seven hundred acres of high-priced land located near the city. He was a son of Andrew and Elizabeth McMillen, who were natives of Scotland, and was twice married, his first wife being Mary E. Fulton, a native of this county, who passed away on January 3, 1859. They had three children: Martha Jane, wife of W. C. Hall; Mary Elizabeth; and Robert S. His second marriage was with Mrs. Nancy (Fulton) Showman, a widow, and a sister of his first wife, who passed away in August, 1904, leaving her husband and two children: John W. and Benjamin F., both of this township.

Robert S. McMillen was educated in the district schools of this township and after completing his studies remained on the farm and engaged with his father in stock-raising and general agricultural pursuits. He learned the various phases of stock breeding from his father, who was commonly conceded to be an expert, and as a consequence he is looked upon as an authority in this department of the business. Stock-raising demands most of his attention and while he produces considerable hay and other grains he uses most of such produce in feeding cattle,

which he makes ready for market and ships to various portions of the state. He cultivates two farms, one consisting of one hundred and three and one-half acres, on which he raises hay and grain and the other containing one hundred and one and one-half acres in Union township, which he uses for grazing purposes. Both farms are in fine condition and thoroughly equipped with all modern conveniences, with which to successfully pursue his work.

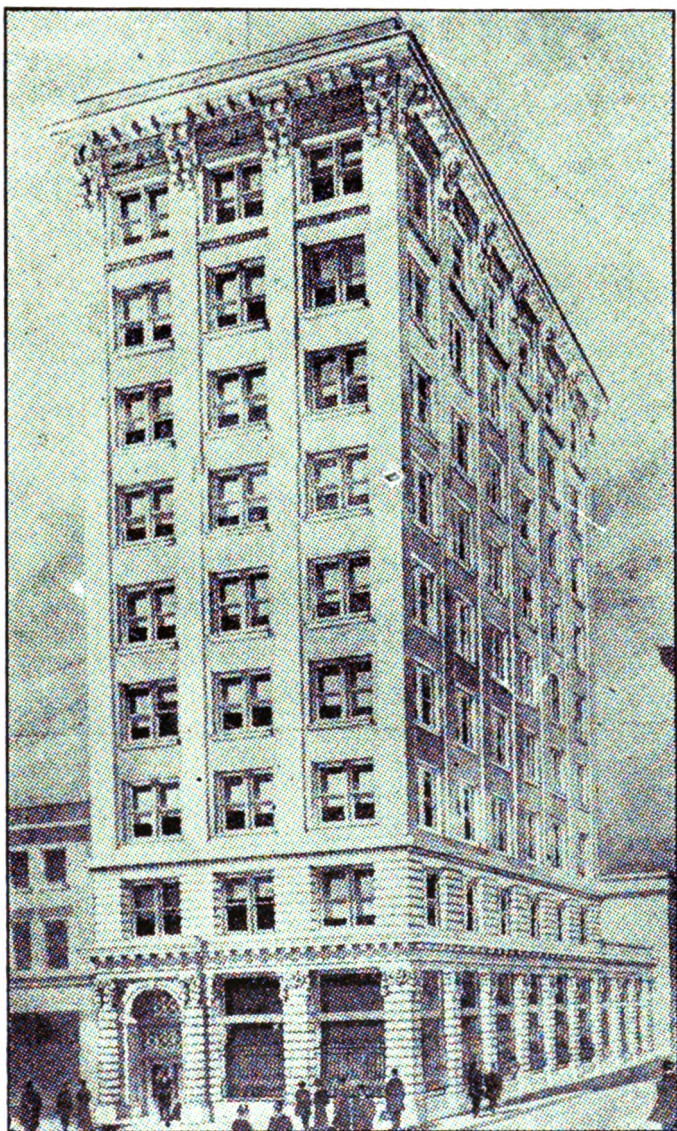
In 1900 Mr. McMillen wedded Lida Marple, a native of Chatham, Ohio, and a daughter of Miles and Dollie (McMillen) Marple, both of whom are deceased. Mr. Marple was born January 24, 1827, in Newton township, this county, near Chatham, where he cultivated a farm, containing two hundred acres, until his death, which occurred May 24, 1886. He was a son of David and Margaret (Armstrong) Marple, who were among the early settlers of Newton township, and departed this life on their farm in 1857 and 1862, respectively, after having reared fourteen children, one of whom was Miles Marple, who wedded Dollie McMillen, who was born in Newark township, this county, January 19, 1824, and who passed away November 19, 1868, on the home farm where she had resided since her marriage. She was a daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Wilson) McMillen, the latter born December 28, 1793, while the former was a native of Ireland. Mrs. Robert S. McMillen is one of four children, namely: James D., of Columbus, Ohio; Belle W., wife of Albert M. Smoots, of Washington township; and Henrietta, deceased.

With respect to national issues Mr. McMillen is a republican in politics, but in municipal and state affairs he is non-partisan and reserves the right to cast his vote for the candidates whom he deems best qualified to serve in the offices they seek, irrespective of party ties. Mr. McMillen is among the substantial men of the community, is aggressive and industrious and a representative citizen, who has done much in contributing toward the financial worth of the township.

THE NEWARK TRUST COMPANY.

The Newark Trust Company was incorporated April 22, 1903, and began business July 23, 1903. In the short time that has elapsed since its establishment so remarkable has been its career as to attract widespread attention to its management. Making the showing that it has in its infancy—a showing that is at once the wonder, admiration and envy of its coworkers in this field—one is tempted to predict unlimited developments in the future. The past year, which taxed to the utmost almost every financial institution in the country, only served to emphasize the solidity of this bank. The panic did not affect this house or interfere with its operations in any way. All demands were met with cash, there was plenty of money to loan on good securities and the tellers were instructed to cash everything. As a matter of fact, deposits have shown an increase of better than five per cent during the last few months.

The operations of this company cover a general banking business. The statement of condition made in response to the call of the auditor of the state of Ohio, dated August 18, 1908, shows a capital of two hundred thousand dollars,



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surplus of one hundred thousand dollars, deposits of one million, one hundred eighty-two thousand, seven hundred and sixty-eight dollars and total resources of one million, four hundred ninety-four thousand, three hundred and twenty dollars. The following comparative statement of deposits and resources on the same date of each year since it began business makes very interesting reading.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF DEPOSITS.

August 18, 1903.....	\$ 60,226.81
August 18, 1904.....	429,497.06
August 18, 1905.....	645,235.14
August 18, 1906.....	941,468.65
August 18, 1907.....	1,028,892.71
August 18, 1908.....	1,182,768.74

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RESOURCES.

August 18, 1903.....	\$ 160,322.08
August 18, 1904.....	543,392.62
August 18, 1905.....	772,184.33
August 18, 1906.....	1,087,010.99
August 18, 1907.....	1,342,051.56
August 18, 1908.....	1,494,320.13

This wonderful growth shows that careful depositors appreciate the strength and conservatism of the Newark Trust Company. In this connection we might mention, as indicative of the many safeguards woven round their depositors, that the company employs one of the best known and most famous firms of certified public accountants in the state of Ohio to examine the books and affairs of the company at times not made known in advance to the officers of the bank.

The officers and directors are: F. P. Kennedy, president; vice presidents, C. C. Metz and W. C. Christian; secretary and treasurer, W. C. Metz. Directors: William C. Christian, of William Christian & Sons; F. A. Crane, secretary Newark Ice and Cold Storage Company; J. R. Davies, attorney at law; Roe Emerson, wholesale and retail clothing; H. S. Fleek, Fleek & Neal, wholesale grocers; J. S. Fulton, of J. E. Fulton & Company; A. H. Heisey, president the A. H. Heisey Company; F. P. Kennedy, president of the Newark Trust Company; C. C. Metz, of Charles C. Metz & Brother; William H. Smith, president of the P. Smith Sons Lumber Company; A. B. Schauweker, of Clouse & Schauweker; Edward Thomas, treasurer of the James E. Thomas Company; S. F. Van Voorhis, capitalist; A. J. Wilson, president First National Bank, Utica, Ohio; E. C. Wright, cashier First National Bank, Newark.

The Commercial and Financial World, of New York, speaking of the new building erected by the Newark Trust Company, said: "In point of elegance and completeness it strides far and away from anything of the kind possessed by a city of similar size in the United States. The new steel constructed office building of ten floors is indicative of the pinnacle of perfection which has been reached in modern building construction. It is absolutely fireproof throughout, with hardwood finish, polished floors, corridors and toilet rooms fitted in imported marble, and every improvement and convenience that go to make up the costly modern office buildings of today, and would be a credit to any city priding itself on its elaborate architecture and massive structures.

"The Newark Trust Company occupies the entire first floor of this building, into which it moved September 2, 1907, from its original location in the Doty House block. New York bankers might well look with envy upon the quarters fitted throughout in imported Italian marble, bronze and mahogany, now occupied by this company, so commodious, elegant, complete and harmonious are they in every particular. Not one facility is lacking that is necessary to the proper conduct of their business today or could be required in its ultimate development. No expense or pains has been spared that would add to its advantages in point of comfort or beauty. In all the United States cannot be found a more thoroughly or a more splendidly equipped bank. In every place where it has been possible or practicable, metal is utilized in the place of wood, but so cleverly has this feature been carried out, even in the building of the desks, that the eye of the uninitiated is unable to detect it. The details of the interior decoration have been carried out with an elaborateness and consistency that not only bespeaks the possession of great ability and skill on the part of the originator, but an unlimited expenditure of time, pains and money. The color scheme is perfect and carefully followed and a characteristic and very pleasing feature is the recurrence of the company's monogram, a beautifully artistic design, on the walls, in the rugs, on the furniture and utilized in many ways in the general office, the directors' room and the president's private office. The rugs have been especially woven by hand in Austria for the company's use and are in perfect accord, both in color and decoration, with the rest of the furnishings. The whole effect cannot fail to meet the immediate appreciation and commendation of all who have the pleasure of visiting or dealing with this bank. The directors' room and the president's private office are models of appropriateness, convenience and quiet elegance. The company maintains its own private telephone exchange, connecting with the city line, and facilitating speedy communication between departments. In installing their vaults all the work has been utilized to the best advantage and every effort made, known to science, to guard against attacks of fire or burglars. The same might be said of the safe deposit vaults, which constitute a separate department. Here is offered to customers every convenience that can be found in the banks of our large cities.

"Of the Newark Trust Company Mr. F. P. Kennedy, the president, is the moving spirit. That he has given to the management of its affairs the benefit of his large ability, knowledge of financial matters and wise discrimination, is largely due its remarkable success. A man of deliberate and careful judgment, he has displayed in his business career bold initiative, indomitable courage and ceaseless energy combined with absolute integrity. The people of Newark owe him much, for he is mainly responsible for the erection of the new office building of which they are so justly proud, while the patrons of the bank must look to its president as the originator of the exclusive and elegant ideas carried out so successfully in the company's new quarters. Mr. Kennedy is held in unquestioned and high esteem in social and business circles alike.

"As will be seen, the board of directors and officers of this bank are well known and representative business men whose character and ability insure safe and conservative management. The history of the five short years of this bank's existence shows steady and continuous advancement; and its conservative methods,

watchful interests of its patrons and its broad, generous treatment of matters affecting the public welfare, will win for it future prosperity. Newark has many things upon which to congratulate herself, and many foundations upon which to build in the future, but none of these excel in substantial elements the one she has in the Newark Trust Company, which is exerting every effort to advance the interests of the city."

STEPHEN D. PRIEST.

Stephen D. Priest, numbered among the practical, progressive and enterprising farmers of Hanover township, was born in Perry township, Licking county, September 29, 1835. He has therefore passed the seventy-third milestone on life's journey, and with him the years have been characterized by unfaltering diligence and unflagging perseverance. It has thus been through his own efforts that he has won his success, gaining a place among the substantial farmers of his community. His parents, Sanford and Sabitha (Holmes) Priest, were natives of Virginia. The father was born in 1801, and in 1813 accompanied his parents on their removal westward to Ohio, their home being established in Muskingum county. The mother's birth occurred in 1807, and the Holmes family removed to Muskingum county about the time of the arrival there of the Priest family. Thus in the same neighborhood Sanford Priest and Sabitha Holmes were reared, and on attaining adult age they were married in 1829. They located in Hopewell township, Muskingum county, where they remained until 1834, and then came to Licking county, establishing their home in Perry township on a farm where the father resided for more than a half a century. He became one of the best known and most highly respected agriculturists of the community, and his fellow townsmen evidenced their appreciation of his genuine worth and loyalty and citizenship by retaining him in the office of justice of the peace for twenty-one years. He resigned in later life on account of advanced age. Throughout the period of his incumbency he discharged his duties with marked promptness and fidelity, "winning golden honors from the hearts of the people." His life was at all times actuated by high and honorable principles, and he was ever regarded as a man of sterling character. He was for years an elder in the Disciple church, and those who knew him respected him for his fidelity to every manly principle. He died January 25, 1885, while his wife passed away June 18, 1889.

On the home farm Stephen D. Priest spent his boyhood and youth. The dwelling of the family was built of logs, and his education was acquired in one of the old-time log schoolhouses, with a fireplace extending on one entire side of the room. The building was equipped with slab benches, and the writing desks were made of a board supported on pins driven into the logs around the room. There was a puncheon floor and tiny windows, and there was little taught beyond the three R's, although some instruction was given in grammar and geography. The mother spun and wove all of the material for clothing, and the father and sons worked in the fields, converting the wild prairie into richly cultivated tracts of land. Mr. Priest remained at home until about twenty-five years of age, and

in the spring of 1861 he and his brother, Artemus W. Priest, purchased a farm in Perry township to which they removed. There they began their career as independent farmers. For two years they operated this place conjointly, and the brother then withdrew and Mr. Priest took over the farm and assumed their joint obligations. His financial burdens were very heavy at that time, for, added to the sum necessary for the purchase of the farm and the money needed in its development, he also had to make payment in order to meet the draft which was made during the period of the Civil war. At times it almost seemed impossible to bear the load that he was carrying, but he persevered and with grim determination and energy continued his labors until, in the course of time, the difficulties and obstacles were overcome, and he made considerable progress on the highroad to prosperity. In 1879 he removed to a farm in Madison township and engaged in the dairy business. At that time he had an indebtedness of four thousand dollars, but his characteristic energy enabled him to continue where many a man of less resolute purpose would have given up. In 1886 he purchased at the assignee sale of the Leonard Strump farm one hundred and twenty-seven and a half acres of land, and four years later he purchased at sheriff's sale one hundred and sixty-one acres of the William Barrick farm, upon which he now resides. He removed to this in 1894 and is now numbered among the substantial agriculturists of Hanover township, owning two hundred and seventy-one acres of rich and productive land in his home place. He has added modern improvements and equipment, has new machinery, well kept fences, and substantial buildings, and his farm in all of its departments indicates the careful supervision of a practical, progressive owner.

On the 29th of November, 1863, Mr. Priest was married to Miss Jane Porter, of Fallsburg township, Licking county, and unto them were born three children, but only one is now living, Homer C., who is operating his father's farm. On the 21st of May, 1891, the wife and mother died, and on the 15th of January, 1894, Mr. Priest wedded Miss Rebecca Porter, a cousin of his former wife. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and for one term he served as township trustee, but otherwise has neither held nor desired public office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. While he has confronted many difficulties as the years have gone by, he has displayed that unabating energy which will in time overcome seemingly unsurmountable obstacles, and he is today numbered among the prosperous agriculturists of the community, who deserves the respect, good will and confidence of his fellowmen by reason of the honorable principles he has ever followed in his business.

CHARLES H. KIBLER.

Charles H. Kibler was born in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, on the 11th day of February, 1827. At the age of about five years the family moved to Hillsboro, Ohio, where he was reared. Having been admitted to the bar, he came to Newark in 1851, where he has since lived.

In October, 1861, he was appointed a second lieutenant in the Seventy-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He raised a company of that regiment, called Com-



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pany D, and in January, 1862, was commissioned captain of that company. He served as captain until September, 1863, when he was appointed by President Lincoln as assistant adjutant general, with the rank of captain, and was assigned to the First Brigade of the First Division of the Fifteenth Army Corps, under General W. T. Sherman as corps commander. He continued in the service until August 1, 1864. During his connection with the army he took part in the important engagements of Fort Dolenson, Shiloh and the siege of Vicksburg, Missionary Ridge, Ringgold and in the Atlanta campaign.

On the 21st of February, 1854, Mr. Kibler was united in marriage to Mary E., daughter of Dr. Benjamin W. Brice, for many years a physician of Newark. Four children were born unto them: Annie K. Neal, the wife of William W. Neal; Edward, an attorney of Newark; Charles, who is engaged in business in Denver, Colorado; and Frank, in business at Salt Lake City, Utah. Mrs. Kibler died August 9, 1896.

Since August, 1864, Mr. Kibler has been actively engaged in the practice of law and his name for years has appeared in connection with all the important litigation and legal business of the county of Licking. He has never sought political preferment, though he has occupied a number of local offices. In 1857-8 he was mayor of Newark. In 1895 he was elected as one of the judges of the circuit court in the fifth circuit of Ohio and served as such for about fifteen months. In 1907 he retired from the law, after more than a half century of active practice, and now, at the age of eighty-two years, is still living in the enjoyment of fair health.

DAVID WATKINS.

David Watkins, devoting his time and energies to the development and improvement of a farm of one hundred acres in Granville township, was born at Goose Pond, near Newark, in Newark township, January 18, 1854. In February, 1858, his parents removed to the farm in Granville township, upon which he has since resided. His father, John Watkins, a native of the north of Wales, arrived in this county about 1845. He made millstones as a trade, but because of ill health abandoned that work and turned his attention to farming. As stated, he removed from the farm in Newark township to the old homestead in Granville township in February, 1858. In the previous year he had purchased the property from Joseph Weeks, who had become the owner of that place in 1815. The father died in 1860 and his son David, in 1876, bought out the other heirs and it has since been in the possession of our subject. John Watkins was twice married and by the first union had three children. After losing his first wife he wedded Rachael Richards, who was born in South Wales, September 15, 1829, and died in 1873. She came to the United States about 1852, located in Licking county and was married in Newark. The death of John Watkins occurred in 1860, when he was forty-five years of age, and his wife afterward married again and had one child by that union. The father's children by his first wife were: Mary Ann, the wife of Richard Beeny, of Newton township; Watkin Maurice, of Alexandria; and John Hubert, a twin brother of Watkin Maurice and a resident of Newark township.

Unto John and Rachael (Richards) Watkins there were born five children: Elizabeth, the wife of Humphrey Jones, of Newark; David; Richard, who was a twin brother of David and died at the age of thirteen months; Richard, the second of the name, also deceased; and Emma, the wife of David Evans of Newark. After losing her first husband the mother of this family became the wife of Joseph Hynus and they had one child, Mary, now the deceased wife of Albert Sikes.

Brought to his present home at the age of four years, David Watkins was here reared and early became familiar with the tasks of developing the fields and harvesting the crops. He pursued his education in the public schools and when not busy with his text-books gave his attention to farm work. When his education was completed he concentrated his energies upon this line of work and now carries on general farming and stock-raising, but makes a specialty of marketing fruit and vegetables, his products being of high grade and flavor, so that he finds a ready sale.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Watkins was married in June, 1874, to Miss Mary Davis, who was born in Newark, September 15, 1853, and is a daughter of Joshua Davis. Her parents were natives of South Wales and were married there. Upon coming to the United States they settled in Newark and died when their daughter was quite young. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Watkins have been born six children: Anna, the wife of Fred Hobart, of Granville township; Bertha, the wife of R. W. Howard, of Newark; Effie, the wife of Stanley Nethers, of Newton township; John David, who died at the age of eleven years; Bessie, a teacher, at home; and Richard W., who is also teaching and lives with his parents.

Mr. Watkins gives his political support to the republican party for he deems its principles most conducive to good government. For twelve years he served as a director of schools and for six years, from 1894 until 1900, as township trustee. Fraternally he is connected with Myrtle lodge, I. O. O. F., of Granville, and belongs to the Welsh Congregational church of that village. His influence is always on the side of improvement, reform and progress and he finds time to assist in public improvement, although he is busily occupied with his farm interests. His place is the site of one of the ancient earthworks of the prehistoric race that occupied this section of the country. This mound seems to partake somewhat of the nature of a fort, with a ditch on the outside, and is a source of interest to all lovers of ethnology and history.

JOSHUA DEAN SIMKINS.

Joshua Dean Simkins has been superintendent of the schools of Newark since 1904, and in his life work in professional lines has embodied the spirit of Kant who said that, "The object of education is to train each individual to reach the highest perfection possible for him." The ideals which he has held before teachers and pupils have prompted them to renewed effort, bringing gratifying results. Professor Simkins was born in Fallsburg, Licking county, Ohio, March 29, 1856, a son of Benoni and Mary Ellen (Marriott) Simkins, natives of Pennsylvania and

Licking county, Ohio, respectively. The paternal grandfather, Dennis Simkins, came from Pennsylvania to this county about 1838 and settled on a farm near Fallsburg, where he spent his remaining days. The maternal grandfather, Joshua Marriott, came from New Jersey to Licking county about 1820 and also took up his abode on a farm which he converted into rich and productive fields. Both families were pioneers of the county and met the usual hardships and difficulties that most people experience in the early days when the wilderness is being converted into a habitable and attractive region.

Benoni Simkins was reared to the occupation of the farm amid the wild scenes and environments of frontier life, and after attaining his majority continued to carry on general agricultural pursuits for a number of years. He also learned and followed the blacksmith's trade, but is now living retired, having disposed of his farm, while he makes his home in Newark. His life has been one of intense and well directed activity and thus he gained the substantial reward of labor, which enables him at the present time to enjoy a well-earned rest.

Professor Simkins, whose name introduces this review, spent his youth on the old homestead, working in the fields through the summer seasons and then as fall approached resuming his education as a district school pupil. Later he attended the Martinsburg Academy for a time, and eventually was graduated from the National Normal University, at Lebanon, Ohio, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. His professional training was received in the Iowa State University, at Iowa City, where he won the Bachelor of Law degree upon his graduation with the class of 1881. The Master's degree was conferred upon him by the Ohio University, at Athens, Ohio, in 1904, being a recognition of his scholarly attainments and successful labors as an educator. In 1881 he was admitted to practice before the supreme court of Iowa and the United States circuit and district courts for that state. He has never practiced law, however, but the training for the profession, developing analytical ability and the power of logical, discriminating thought, has been of marked benefit to him in other professional labors.

For five years Professor Simkins was a teacher in the country schools of Licking county, receiving eighteen dollars per month in compensation for his services when he first took up this work. His salary was raised each term, however, and on leaving the rural schools he taught in the Newcastle schools, in Coshocton county, Ohio, for two years—1882 and 1883. In the latter year he accepted a call as superintendent of schools at Centerburg, Knox county, Ohio, at a salary of sixty-five dollars per month, and there remained for five years, during which time his salary was increased to one hundred dollars per month. While thus engaged he organized the high school. He has always been interested in promoting the work, which has claimed his attention and in introducing higher standards, not only in methods of instruction but in the labor by the pupils also. In 1889 he went to St. Marys, Auglaize county, Ohio, as superintendent of schools at a salary of one thousand dollars per year, which, however, was increased to eighteen hundred dollars per year. He remained in that position for fifteen years and under his guidance the schools made rapid and substantial progress. He was reelected for two years more, but resigned the position to come to Newark in 1904 as superintendent of the schools of this city, where he has since remained. He has reorganized the school system here, promoting the work in accordance with the modern ideals of teaching, and now has under his control about one hundred

and eight teachers in all the different grades, with a total attendance of about four thousand pupils. He has made a great many changes in the educational system here and the high school has doubled its attendance under his administration. He has the ability to stimulate the interest of his pupils in the work and is always studying out new plans and methods which would prove of practical utility in furthering the interests of the schools. He stands today as one of the most prominent and capable educators of central Ohio, his constantly expanding powers having brought him to an enviable position in educational circles. He has been city, county and state school examiner. At present writing he is president of the Central Ohio Teachers' association, one of the largest in the United States, and chairman of the executive committee of the Ohio State Teachers' association. In 1880 he was nominated by the democratic party for state school commissioner, but failed of election with the rest of his ticket.

On the 3d of July, 1883, Professor Simkins was married to Miss Pauline Brown, a native of West Bedford, Coshocton county, Ohio, and they have two sons, Howard Dana and Don Carlton. Mrs. Simkins is noted as being one of the best readers of central Ohio, is, moreover, a lover of music and art, and displays much ability in those directions, having already painted over three hundred pictures. Politically, Professor Simkins is a democrat and in his religious faith he and his wife are Methodists. A visit to his library and a chat with him in his pleasant home give at once an indication of his scholarly attainments and broad general knowledge. Advancement has been the keynote of his life work, and while instructing others he has made steady progress in intellectual fields, so that association with him means expansion and elevation.

GEORGE W. STALTER.

George W. Stalter, one of the wealthiest farmers of Etna township, his enterprise and industry having added considerably to the agricultural and financial worth of this part of the county, is a native of Fairfield county, Ohio, where his birth occurred December 24, 1831, his parents having been John and Magdalena (Knittle) Stalter. The father, a native of Pennsylvania, removed to Allen county, Ohio, when his son George was about six years of age. There the father purchased two hundred acres of land, one-half of which was covered with excellent timber, and upon that place he pursued general agriculture until he departed this life. His wife has also passed away. In their family were nine children, namely: Delilah, Israel, Mary, George W., Katherine, Sarah, Samuel, Rebecca, and John.

The farm upon which George W. Stalter spent his boyhood days was located about six miles west of Lima, Ohio, and on the home place he assisted his father in the daily routine of agricultural life, in the meantime availing himself of the educational advantages afforded by the neighboring schools. He remained on his father's farm until he was twenty-six years of age when he came to this township, where he has since resided, cultivating one hundred and thirty-eight acres of land located on the National pike, two and one-half miles west of Etna. He also owns a sixty-five acre farm about a half mile west of that place; another containing



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seventy-one and a half acres and one containing thirty acres, both situated about a half mile north of Etna; and still another containing ninety-seven and a half acres which lies about one-fourth mile south of Wagram. The entire tract of land which he has under cultivation, embracing some four hundred acres, is all in this township. Mr. Stalter had little of this world's goods when he started out in life and his prosperity is due to the persevering efforts and careful management of himself and wife. By practical economy and industry they have, from year to year, laid by means which enabled them to gradually increase their acreage and thereby add to their prosperity. General farming and stock raising have always commanded the attention of Mr. Stalter and he has been so successful that now in his latter days he can afford to retire from active life and enjoy the comforts of his long season of honest toil.

On February 18, 1858, Mr. Stalter wedded Lydia Blauser, a native of Fairfield county, Ohio, where she was born December 26, 1837, and a daughter of Daniel and Phoebe (Grimm) Blauser, who, about the year 1845, came to this township, where they entered a tract of land and pursued agricultural pursuits until they entered into rest, the Blauser family having come to Fairfield county, from Virginia, at an early day. To Mr. and Mrs. Stalter have been born: Phoebe Ann, who died in infancy; James Albert, whose birth occurred here August 15, 1862; Delilah Katherine, who was born here January 23, 1865, and entered into rest October 28, two years later; Adeline, who departed this life in her third year; John William Henry, whose birth occurred June 22, 1870, and who manages the home farm, his wife being Florence H. (Weaver) Stalter, a daughter of Absalom Weaver, of Fairfield county, the couple having three daughters: Lottie Laura, Lydia Mary and Lucretia Florence; and a daughter who passed away in infancy.

The democratic party has always commanded the allegiance of Mr. Stalter, and since casting his first vote he has always been stanch in his support of its candidates. In local affairs he has always taken a deep interest, favoring all measures devised for the general improvement of the community, and for several years served efficiently as a member of the school board. His long life has always been in obedience to the dictates of a high standard of morals and his upright life and conversation together with his industry and enterprise have always enabled him to win the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens.

DR. D. H. MILLER, SR.

Dependent entirely upon his own resources from the age of twelve years, Dr. Miller early learned the valuable lessons of life and when but a boy he realized the fact that any obstacle can be overcome by persistent and honorable effort, and it has been through that means that he has gradually worked his way upward until he stands today among the prominent and honored citizens and successful medical practitioners of Newark. His birth occurred in Perry township, Licking county, October 14, 1855, and he represents one of the old families of the state. His paternal grandparents removed from Pennsylvania to Muskingum county at an

early date and there spent the remainder of their lives, the grandfather, George Miller, passing away at the very venerable age of ninety-six years. In early manhood he had married Miss Infield, an English woman, and she reached the extreme old age of ninety-four years.

Their son, Joseph Miller, was born in Uniontown, Pennsylvania March 27, 1809, and in 1827, when a young man of eighteen years, came to Licking county, although he had previously accompanied his parents on their removal to Muskingum county. He was a blacksmith by trade and engaged in shoeing horses from the age of sixteen to the age of seventy-eight years. He then retired from active business life and died in 1891 at the age of 83 years. He married Elizabeth Custer, who was born at Deerfield, Pennsylvania, and came to Ohio with her parents when two years of age. The Custers were of German descent, the founder of the family in America being Paul Custer. The grandfather married Sarah Ball, a sister of Mary Ball, the mother of George Washington. The great grandfather was George Custer and his son, Jacob Custer, was the grandfather of Dr. Miller. The latter's daughter, Elizabeth Custer, who became Mrs. Joseph Miller, was born May 9, 1813, and died November 2, 1888. She was an own cousin of General Custer of Indian war fame. Her father, Jacob Custer, came to Licking county in the latter part of the eighteenth century, arriving March 13, 1782. He was accidentally killed when fifty-one years of age, while his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth (Letherman) Custer, survived for some time.

Dr. Miller was educated in the country schools of Licking county and worked on the farm from the age of twelve years through the summer months, while the winter seasons were devoted to study. Carefully and thoroughly improving his opportunities for intellectual advancement, he was soon able to secure a teacher's certificate and engaged in teaching in Licking and Muskingum counties for eight years. He then attended the Normal School at Utica, Ohio, from 1876 until 1879, having provided the expense of his education and college courses by his own labor. In fact, he has never had a dollar given him since he was twelve years of age, and whatever success he has enjoyed is due entirely to his diligence and determination. Imbued with a laudable ambition he extended his efforts to those lines demanding intellectual activity and took up the study of medicine in 1879, reading under the direction of Dr. W. R. Wallace of Perryton, while later he continued his studies with Dr. J. C. Wintermute, of Salina, Ohio, as his preceptor. He continued teaching school while reading medicine in order to provide for his own maintenance and, at length, as the result of his careful expenditure, he was able to enter the Columbus Medical College and spent two years in study in that institution, from which he was graduated in 1884. Qualifying for practice, he spent six months in Perryton and then located at Alexandria, Licking county, where he remained for ten years. Seeking the still broader field offered by the city he came to Newark in 1894 and has been in practice here continually since, being accorded a liberal patronage, as his professional power has been demonstrated in the excellent results that have followed his efforts to check disease and restore health.

In 1880 Dr. Miller was married to Miss Cora Fleming, a native of Licking county and a daughter of H. A. and Catherine (Wintermute) Fleming. They have four children: Dalton H., who is a graduate of the Baltimore Medical College of the class of 1903 and is now practicing with his father; Lillian; Loreno; and

Elizabeth, all at home. They lost a son, Ira, who died in 1890 when ten and a half months old. Dr. Miller belongs to the Masonic fraternity and has taken the degrees of the chapter and council. He is also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Methodist Episcopal church—associations which indicate much of the character of his interests and the principles that govern his conduct. He is a member of the Licking County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical association. His life has ever been honorable and upright, characterized by an honest hatred of all sham and pretense, while in every judgment of his mind he exhibits strong common sense. He is a man of high moral character, as well as of great professional skill, and his history cannot fail to prove of interest to many of the readers of this volume.

JACOB C. MORRISON.

Jacob C. Morrison, a well-to-do and substantial agriculturist of Madison township, owning four hundred and seventy-six acres of land, is a public-spirited man, exerting a wide influence in the community in which he makes his home. He is a native son of the Buckeye state, born in Morgan county, November 22, 1849, a son of Joseph and Mary Ann (Cherry) Morrison, the former a native of Virginia, while the latter was born in Muskingum county, Ohio. The father was a youth of seventeen or eighteen years when he removed from the south to Muskingum county, and it was here that he met and married Miss Cherry. After spending several years in that county he took up his abode in Morgan county, this state, where he also remained for some time, but subsequently returned to Muskingum county, there making his home until after the close of the Civil war, when he came to Licking county and located on a farm in Franklin township. He followed farming as a life work and became the owner of one hundred and seventy-four acres of valuable land in Franklin township, on which he made his home up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1897, when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-seven years. He was a democrat in his political views and for several years served as trustee of Franklin township, while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Christian Union church. He was a man of much influence in his locality and did all in his power to promote the best interests of his community. The mother still survives at the advanced age of eighty-eight years and makes her home on the farm in Franklin township.

Jacob C. Morrison was reared under the parental roof and acquired his education in the common schools. He was early trained to the duties of farm life, assisting his father from the time he was old enough to follow the plow until he established a home of his own in 1872 by his marriage to Miss Cordelia Johnson, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann (McFarland) Johnson, of Bowling Green township, but who later removed to Illinois.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Morrison took up their abode upon a rented farm in Madison township, which he operated for seven years. During this time he raised good crops and carefully managed his business affairs, so that he acquired a competency that justified him in making a purchase of land in Han-

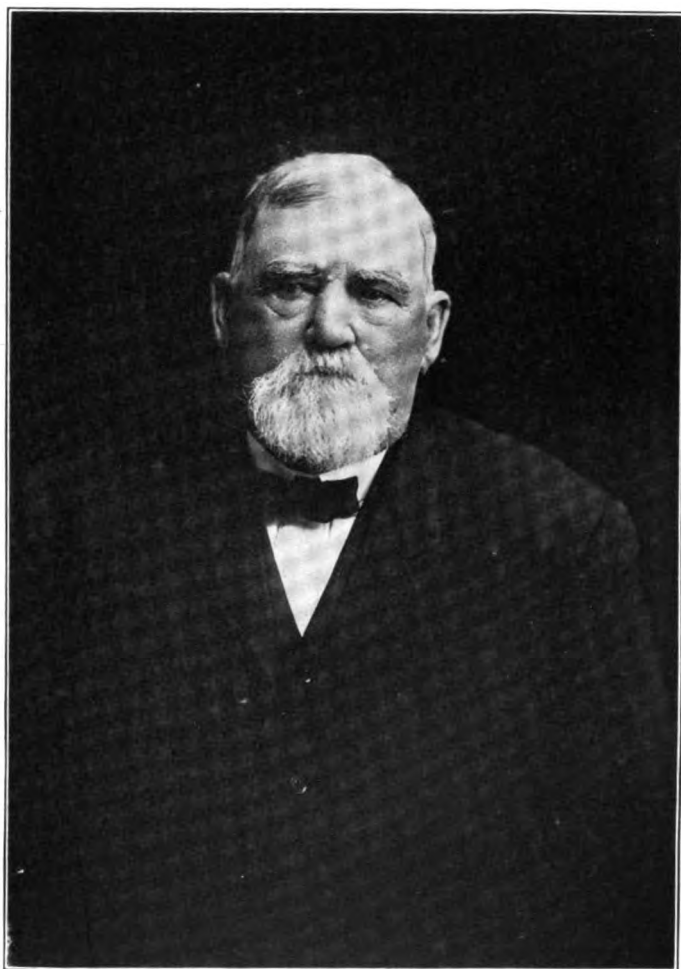
over township. He removed to this place and as the years passed added to his possessions until his farm now embraces two hundred and seventy acres in Hanover township and two hundred and six acres in Madison township, making altogether four hundred and seventy-six acres in one body. He made his home on the former tract until 1902, in which year he purchased the land in Madison township, to which he removed and where he has since made his home. He has improved the property with a good residence and substantial buildings and now has one of the most valuable farms in Licking county. He leads a busy and active life, but each year his efforts are rewarded with abundant crops.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Morrison has been blessed with three children: Eva, the wife of John Wickham, a resident of Newark; George, at home; and Jesse Floyd, a high-school student in Newark. A democrat in principle and practice, Mr. Morrison has always taken a lively interest in public affairs. In 1904 he was nominee on the democratic ticket for infirmary director, but that year the entire democratic ticket met defeat. He is at present a member of the board of directors of the Agricultural Society of Licking county. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. Starting out in life without capital he, however, possesses that strong, forceful and determined character which has enabled him to push his way forward until he is one of the wealthy land-owners of Licking county. Not only has the acquirement of wealth claimed his time and attention, for his energy has often been at the service of his community, whereby he has won the respect and good will of those among whom he lives and labors.

JOSEPH DAVIS.

Joseph Davis, a well known farmer of Licking township, who comes of a family the members of which were among the early pioneers of this part of the county, was born near Jacksontown, May 9, 1832, his grandfather, Samuel Davis, whose birth occurred October 15, 1768, having come here by wagon in the early days from Virginia, when the country was in a primitive state. He built a large two-story log house, which class of structure was out of the ordinary in those times, and engaged in general farming until his death in 1851. He was united in marriage to Miss Mary Stone, by whom he had five children, namely: Sarah, whose birth occurred April 2, 1792; James, who was born March 4, 1798; Rhoda, born September 7, 1800; and Elizabeth and Rebecca, twins, who entered this life September 21, 1809.

James Davis, father of the subject of this review, was born in Virginia and came to this county with his parents in 1806, locating near Horners Mills, and near the present Newark city waterworks. A year later they removed to a farm a mile west of Jacksontown on the national pike, where they remained for several years. After James Davis was united in marriage to Susan Grove he located on the farm where the birth of Joseph Davis occurred, from which place he subsequently removed to the national road, where he erected a brick house which he occupied until his death and which is still in good condition, being occupied by the grand-



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son. This residence is an old landmark, considered one of the best homes in the county. He owned three hundred and forty acres of land which he had highly improved and kept continually under cultivation. A man of great business ability, he was wide-awake to his own interests and yet honest in all his dealings, and as an instance of his foresight it may be related that with two of his neighbors he was at the Licking county courthouse paying taxes, when the cashier remarked that there was a quarter section in Licking township unclaimed, upon which Mr. Davis, deciding that he had as much right to it as anyone else, at once made up his mind to gain possession of the tract. Immediately making ready for the journey, without breaking the secret to those about him he started for the land office at Chillicothe on foot at three o'clock Sunday morning, and finally arrived at that place, secured possession of the land and was descending the courthouse steps when the two neighbors, Thomas Baird and William Harris, with whom he was standing when the cashier spoke of the land, came in from different directions on horseback and were crestfallen upon receiving information from Mr. Davis that the unclaimed quarter section was now his. He was a democrat who revered the principles of his party and did all in his power to secure the election of its candidates. He was of a highly religious turn of mind and was an active member of the primitive Baptist church, deeming his religious duties above all others. Susan Grove, mother of our subject, was a native of Rockingham county, Virginia, born August 10, 1800, and died in this county in 1891. She reared a family of nine children, namely: John, Samuel, Sarah, Nancy and Jackson, all of whom are deceased; Joseph; George, an agriculturist of Hebron, Ohio; Rebecca; and Oliver, deceased.

Joseph Davis had no educational advantages beyond those afforded him in the old log schoolhouse near the farm, but being inspired by a thirst for learning he was a great reader and after completing his studies perused many volumes from which he gleaned knowledge of various things, so that he is now accounted one of the best read men in this part of the county. He remained at home assisting in the duties of the farm until he was twenty-six years of age, when he began farming on an adjoining tract of land which he still owns. He has met with such success as to enable him to add to his land from time to time until he now possesses five hundred acres in one tract, all of which is highly improved and on which stands three fine dwelling houses, the one which he occupies being one of the finest and largest homes in the county. He engages in general husbandry, producing crops of hay and the various grains, and at the same time pays some attention to stock-raising.

On September 9, 1858, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Helen Sutton, a native of this county, by whom he has had three children, namely: Charles Franklin, who operates a farm adjoining that of his father; James Perry, who is in business in Newark; and Homer Jury, a practicing physician and surgeon of Newark, Ohio, who was graduated from Rush Medical College and Cook County Hospital, of Chicago. The democratic party has always received the vote of Mr. Davis, who has interested himself in local politics, as well as state and national. He has served as one of the most efficient members of the school board, and at one time during his incumbency, when there was only fifty dollars in the school treasury, and he was therefore unable to secure a teacher his wife started

out in a buggy and finally persuaded a woman to take the position by boarding her free, and thus the situation was relieved. Mr. Davis for many years also served as a trustee of the township and has always been deeply concerned in the welfare of the immediate community. He holds membership in the Primitive Baptist church, the services of which his wife also attends, and in this body he has for many years officiated in the capacity of deacon. Mr. Davis is a good man whose long life of uprightness has been of great benefit to the community, and he is looked upon by all his neighbors as a man deserving of the highest respect.

THOMAS M. JONES.

Thomas M. Jones was born in Knox county, Ohio, on the 15th of March, 1842, his parents being Isaiah and Belinda (Bell) Jones. His father, whose birth occurred in Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio, June 15, 1816, came to Licking county in 1847, purchasing a farm which is now within the city limits of Newark. He also bought the land where the city cemetery is now located, selling the same for forty dollars per acre. In 1832 the grandfather of our subject bought the land on which the Children's Home now stands, which was sold to the county by the grandson in 1883. In politics he was a stalwart advocate of the democracy. He passed away on the 2d of August, 1901, in the faith of the Church of the Disciples of Christ, having been a minister of the gospel from the time he was eighteen years old. His demise was deeply and widely mourned. His wife, whose birth occurred in Knox county, Ohio, was called to her final rest on the 17th of July, 1875. Unto this worthy couple were born five children, namely: Benjamin E., who is deceased; Thomas M., of this review; B. I., a resident of Granville, Ohio; Lillie B., the deceased wife of Dr. Kiel; and Laura, who has also passed away.

Thomas M. Jones was given excellent educational advantages in his youth and remained at home until he had attained the age of twenty-one years. Subsequently he took charge of one of his father's farms in Holmes county, Ohio, there residing for twenty years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Licking county and has lived here continuously to the present time. His holdings now comprise one hundred acres in Granville township, one hundred and forty acres in Harrison township, one hundred and sixty-seven and a fourth acres in Madison township, six acres on the edge of the city, two acres on Granville street, a residence on Eastern avenue, another dwelling on Allen street and the block on which he makes his home. He is well known throughout the county as an extensive land owner and substantial, upright citizen, whose aid and influence are ever given for the material, intellectual, political and moral development of the community.

Mr. Jones has been married twice. His first union was with Miss Samantha McCullough, of Holmes county, Ohio, who only lived for fifteen months after her marriage. In February, 1868, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Emma F. Roe, whose birth occurred in Madison township, Licking county, September 1, 1849. Her parents, Dr. Thomas H. and Ellen Roe, were natives of England and had a

family of six children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jones have been born four children, as follows: Nellie Bell, born June 21, 1869, who is deceased; Benjamin B., whose natal day was January 14, 1871; Daisy, born April 27, 1875, who is the wife of C. W. Herman, of this county; and Thomas Franklin, born July 30, 1877, who is at home.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Jones has given his political allegiance to the democracy and has taken an active and helpful interest in public affairs. For twelve years he capably served in the position of trustee and has also acted as president of the school board. In his fraternal relations he is a Mason, is a past commander, past high priest and past master and has filled all of the chairs. Both he and his wife are devoted members of the Church of the Disciples of Christ, and they have gained an extensive circle of friends during the long period of their residence in this county, their genuine personal worth commending them to the confidence and esteem of all with whom they have come in contact.

JOSEPH H. ORR.

Joseph H. Orr, who devotes his energy to general farming and stocking raising in Newark township, this county, is a native of Linnville, his birth having occurred October 6, 1852, and a son of William and Jane (Smith) Orr, natives of Bowling Green township, this county, and New Jersey, respectively, she having come here at an early date and resided with an uncle until she was united in marriage. The elder Mr. Orr was a son of Joseph Orr, who was among the early settlers of Bowling Green township, having located on a farm near Linnville, where he lived to a ripe old age and reared the following children: Isaac, George, Samuel, Albert, William, Harvey, Sarah, Elizabeth, Susan and James. William Orr, father of the subject of this review, served for twenty-five years as postmaster and being a broom maker by trade he followed that occupation, during the great part of his early life. He passed away in Linnville, where his wife also entered into rest. They reared a family of eight children, namely: Joseph H.; William, deceased; Henry, a resident of this county; Thomas, who lives in Franklin township; Del Philips, of Glennford, this county; Tola Cooperrider, of Franklin township; Jessie Osborne, also a resident of that township; and Hattie Frush, who lives in Linnville.

Joseph H. Orr resided on his father's farm near Linnville until he was thirteen years of age, in the meantime availing himself of the educational advantages of the village schools and assisting in the daily routine of the farm, at which period of his life he repaired to Perry county to reside with an uncle, George Orr, with whom he remained until he was twenty-one years of age. Upon his marriage he removed with his wife's parents to Glennford and remained there until six years ago when he came to this township and purchased one hundred and thirty-five acres of land, all of which is highly improved and provided with substantial buildings, Mr. Orr having built a number of them and also made considerable necessary repairs upon the residence. The property is situated three

and a half miles west of the courthouse on the Union Station road and here he successfully pursues general farming and stock feeding. While he was a resident of Perry county, he operated a stone quarry which afforded excellent material used in the manufacture of glass, large quantities of which he shipped to Columbus, Ohio, and also to Newark and, at the same time, he was associated with the general merchandise business in Glennford.

In 1873 Mr. Orr wedded Emma Swinehart, a native of Hopewell township, Perry county, born June 2, 1854, and a daughter of Peter and Sophia (Anspaugh) Swinehart, her father having served for forty years as justice of the peace and for two terms as county commissioner. In his family were three sons and eight daughters. To Mr. and Mrs. Orr were born: Scott, a shoe merchant of Newark; Daisy, who became the wife of Murray Cooperrider, the couple, with their son Wayne, residing in Glennford; Grover; and Mont, who resides at home. Mr. Orr has been loyal to the democratic party all his life and has served the township in many useful offices, now performing the duties of trustee, while for a number of years he officiated in the capacity of justice of the peace. While in Perry county he was the township constable and for fifteen years central committeeman. He and the members of his family belong to the Lutheran church in Newark and Mr. Orr, being a man of high morals and noble purpose, who has thus far passed his life without being involved in law with any of his neighbors, having rather the reputation of being a peacemaker, well deserves credit as one of the township's most influential and substantial citizens.

JOSIAH McKINNEY.

Josiah McKinney, a substantial citizen and retired agriculturist of Licking county, was born on the farm where he still resides, in Newton township, on the 25th of February, 1838. His parents were Joseph and Elizabeth (Hopper) McKinney, the former born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1800, while the latter's birth occurred in Virginia, December 8, 1809. The year 1814 witnessed the arrival of Joseph McKinney in this county and subsequently he purchased the farm which is now the home of our subject, also conducting a whiskey still here for several years. He continued a resident of this county until the time of his demise, July, 1867, and the community mourned the loss of one of its worthy and respected early settlers. His wife, who at an early day accompanied her parents on their removal to Licking county, was called to her final rest on the 9th of May, 1895. Their family numbered eight children, the record of whom is as follows: Rachel, who is deceased; James and John, residents of Newton township; William and Martha, both of whom have passed away; Josiah, of this review; Sarah, the wife of Cyrus Marple, of Newton township; and Frank.

In the public schools Josiah McKinney acquired a good practical education and remained under the parental roof until twenty-two years of age, when he went to Idaho and engaged in mining in the west. After having lived in that state two and a half years he returned to his native county and made his home with his father until the latter's death, when he took charge of the old homestead farm and



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has since continued to reside thereon. In addition to the work of general farming he made a specialty of raising and feeding stock and that his efforts in both branches were attended with gratifying success is indicated by the fact that he accumulated the handsome competence which now enables him to live retired without further recourse to labor. His holdings embrace five hundred and sixty-eight acres of valuable land in Licking county and twelve hundred and forty acres in New Mexico, and he is numbered among the most prosperous and influential citizens of his community.

On the 26th of May, 1875, Mr. McKinney was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Christine Scarbrough, who was one of a family of four children, her birth occurring in Muskingum county, Ohio, in 1854. By this union there were four children, namely: Clinton S., a resident of this county; Elizabeth, the wife of Carry Bricker, of Newark; Edgar, at home; and one who died in infancy. July 1, 1900, Mr. McKinney was called upon to mourn the loss of his estimable wife, her remains being interred in the Newark cemetery.

In his political views Mr. McKinney is a stalwart democrat and has taken an active and helpful interest in public affairs, having served as trustee, treasurer and school director. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church, the teachings of which find exemplification in his daily life. Practically his entire life, covering more than the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, has been spent in this locality and no history of Licking county would be complete without extended mention of this honored native son. Moreover, throughout this long period, he has been an interested witness as well as active participant in the work of development, that has transformed this section of the state from a pioneer district into a rich agricultural region, in which are to be found all the evidences of our modern civilization.

SAMUEL JONES PHILIPPS.

The history of the Philipps family constitutes an important chapter in the annals of Licking county, for Thomas Philipps, the great-grandfather of Samuel Jones Philipps, was one of the two founders of the Welsh settlement in this locality, since which time representatives of the name have born a conspicuously helpful part in the development and progress of this portion of the state. About 1796 what was known as the original Philipps purchase was made. Thomas Philipps was associated with Theophilus Reese, these two gentlemen having come from Wales with their families in 1796. They first located at Beulah, near Ebensburg, Cambria county, Pennsylvania. Here they purchased two thousand acres of land in Granville township, which originally constituted what was known as Welsh Hills. This was at the beginning of the nineteenth century—in 1802—but they did not locate on their property until 1809. Thomas Philipps took the north half of the two thousand acres and spent the remainder of his days here. He reared a large family and many of his descendants are found within the county today. His name was originally spelled Phillips, but at the time of his marriage to Miss Mary Philipps, of Pembrokeshire, South Wales, he adopted the spelling of her surname. She was a sister of Erasmus Philipps, who

was head counselor of the king's bench, an office equivalent to that of chief justice of the United States. The death of Thomas Philipps, the founder of the family in America, occurred May 20, 1813, when he was seventy-two years of age.

Samuel J. Philipps, the grandfather of him whose name introduces this record, was born in South Wales and died at Newark, March 2, 1854, at the age of seventy-six years and six months. He and one of his brothers were seized on board a ship by the English press gang to put them in the engineer service, but they were not compelled to go, owing to the fact that their mother was a sister of Erasmus Philipps, who had much influence in England. Samuel J. Philipps reared a large family, namely: Thomas; John, who died of cholera in 1832; Mary; Samuel G., the father of our subject; Erasmus, well known as a school teacher many years ago; Ann; Ben; Lydia; Washington; Lucretia; and Sallie.

Samuel Griffith Philipps, father of Samuel Jones Philipps, was born in Beulah, Pennsylvania, November 17, 1806, and in 1809 was brought by his family to Licking county. After reaching years of maturity he purchased a farm in McKean township, near the original Philipps purchase, and lived on the place until some years after his wife's death, when he moved to the farm now owned by his son, Samuel J., where his death occurred December 26, 1899. In his younger days he was a teacher, and in 1855 went to Kansas, where he helped make government surveys. About 1830 he married Susannah Reily, who was born in Tilton Fort, Jefferson county, Ohio, May 23, 1807, and in 1808 came with her parents to Newark. Her death occurred here September 22, 1893. She was a daughter of Jacob and Sallie (Tilton) Reily, the former a native of Delaware, while the latter was the first white child born in the state of Ohio. She was born in Tilton Fort, April 2, 1790, and died in Newark. Her brother, John Tilton, was killed and scalped by the Indians. Unto the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Griffith Philipps were born eight children: Sarah, the wife of David D. Jones, of Morrow county, Ohio; Lydia, who died at the age of twelve years; Priscilla, the deceased wife of E. L. Rose; Martha, the wife of S. J. White, of Newark; Victoria, the deceased wife of Absalom Harris; Nellie, the wife of J. G. Frederick; Samuel J.; and Thomas W., who was prosecuting attorney of Licking county at the time of his death in 1902.

Samuel Jones Philipps was born in a little log house in McKean township, December 28, 1845, on the farm before referred to, which his father purchased near the boundary line between McKean and Granville townships. While a small lad he attended school at the "old stone schoolhouse," walking over two miles night and morning. This old structure is still standing—a silent witness of a past generation. It was erected by the Rev. Thomas Hughes in 1825, on his farm, about two miles northeast of Granville. The farm is now owned by D. E. Chism, and the old stone building is used as a sheep house. His dwelling is now in Granville township, while his barn is in McKean township. Mr. Philipps was reared on the old farm homestead and early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He was busily engaged in plowing, planting and harvesting when not occupied with the duties of the schoolroom, and thus his youthful years were passed. He was not yet nineteen years of age when, on the 6th of September, 1864, he offered his services to his country, enlisting as a member of Company D, Twenty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, being mustered out August 28, 1865, after almost a year spent at the front. He com-

pleted the work of the sophomore year at Denison University and for a number of years engaged successfully in teaching the country schools. For eight years he was agent for the Ohio Farmers' Insurance Company in Licking county. In partnership with his brother-in-law, S. J. White, he has done contract work for the county in bridge building and constructed many of the principal bridges in this part of the state. He is now concentrating his energies upon his agricultural pursuits, having ninety-five acres of rich and productive land, of which fourteen acres lie in Granville township, and are a part of the original Philipps purchase made by his great-grandfather in 1796.

On the 15th of June, 1876, Mr. Philipps was married to Miss Wilhelmina Williams, who was born in Granville township, March 2, 1857, and died June 23, 1898. She was a daughter of John and Esther (Jones) Williams, natives of Wales. Her father is now deceased, but her mother is living in Granville. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Philipps were born ten children: Mamie O., the wife of Samuel Wheeler, of Montclair, New Jersey, and who is a graduate of Wellesley College, near Boston; Victoria B., the wife of Daniel Jones, of Cincinnati; Philip, who married Elsie Hankinson; Pearl, who married George Hottinger; Bertha; Susie, the wife of G. P. Barber, of Newark; Thomas W., attending law school in New Jersey; Samuel J., Jr.; Winifred; and Edith.

Mr. Philipps is a member of Lemert Post, No. 71, G. A. R., of Newark. The Philipps cemetery is on the farm of Samuel J. Philipps and in the northeast corner of the Philipps purchase. There the father, grandfather and great-grandfather of our subject lie buried. It is historic ground, inasmuch as they were all active factors in the development of the county, contributing in substantial measure to its growth and improvement from the days when settlement by the white race followed closely upon Indian occupancy. As the years passed the old wigwams ceased to be seen and the little log cabins foretold future development. The arduous task of the early pioneers was that of clearing away the forests and preparing the land for cultivation, and as the years went by others tilled the fields which they had cleared, and today the rich farming land of Licking county produces abundantly. Mr. Philipps still lives upon a portion of the old property which has been in possession of the family for one hundred and thirteen years, and continues today to till the soil which has been owned successively by his great-grandfather, his grandfather and his father.

ROBERT ZERGIEBEL.

Robert Zergiebel has for twelve years been connected with the police force of Newark, and is now occupying the responsible position of chief of police, in which connection he is rendering valuable service to the city in quelling lawlessness and crime. He is prompt, conscientious and efficient in the discharge of his duties, and his promotion to his present position was a well merited one. He displays many of the sterling characteristics of the German race, of which he is a representative. His birth occurred in Saxony, on the 10th of March, 1853, his parents being Michael and Christina (Seiler) Zergiebel, who were both natives of the Fatherland.

Robert Zergiebel pursued his education in the schools of his native country, and in 1869, at the age of sixteen years, came to the United States, making his way to Zanesville, Ohio, where he lived for more than a year, and then came to Newark, in June, 1871. Limited financial resources made it imperative that he at once secure employment, and for many years he was a sheepskin tanner. In 1880 he went to Colorado, where he resided for three years, and then returned to this city. With the exception of that period, he has resided continuously in Newark since 1871, and his life record is therefore a familiar one to his fellow townsmen, who recognize in him many qualities that are commendable. In 1896 he joined the police force and acted as a patrolman until January, 1908, when he was appointed chief of police, and is now at the head of the department, which is well organized and is doing efficient work in bringing law-breakers to justice and in preventing crime. In 1887 Mr. Zergiebel returned to his home in Germany for a visit with old friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Zergiebel is a member of the German Beneficial Society and has many friends among people of his own nationality, but his friends are by no means limited to those who had their birth in or trace their ancestry to the Fatherland. He is popular throughout the city and is proving an efficient chief, his course winning him the commendation of all law-abiding citizens.

WILLIAM L. WHITEHEAD.

On the farm in Lima township, where he departed this life March 17, 1906, William L. Whitehead was born. His natal day was September 15, 1848, so that his life record covered more than fifty-seven years. His parents were George and Rebecca (Green) Whitehead and the former, a native of New Jersey, came with his parents, when a young man, to Jersey township, Licking county, Ohio. Here he devoted his remaining days to general agricultural pursuits. His wife was a native of this county and a daughter of Richard Green, who for many years was prominently connected with farming interests in this part of the country and was also a leading church worker. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Whitehead were six children: Rev. Henry Whitehead, who became a clergyman of the Methodist church but is now deceased; Mrs. Cynthia Trone, a resident of Indiana; Rhoda, who is the widow of Dr. Hoskins and resides in Jersey township; Aurilla, living in Lima township; Mella, a resident of Corning, California; and William L.

The last named was reared to the occupation of farming, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. After acquiring his education in the district schools he continued to work in the fields and all his life was devoted to general farming, which he carried on quite successfully. He also made a specialty of dairying and his capable management and close application constituted the foundation of his prosperity. He lived continuously in this county with the exception of five years which he spent in Franklin township, Franklin county, Ohio. His farm in Lima township comprises one hundred acres of rich and highly improved land and is now the property of his widow, his sons carrying on the active work of the fields.



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On the 24th of November, 1873, Mr. Whitehead was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor Condit, a native of Jersey township, Licking county, born November 5, 1854. Her parents were John Henry H. and Martha (Pierson) Condit, who were natives of New Jersey and with their respective parents came to Ohio in childhood days. The mother was a daughter of Elijah Baldwin and Sarah Williams (Mingus) Pierson, who were originally from New Jersey, where they were reared and married, removing thence to Ohio and casting in their lot with the early settlers of Jersey township, Licking county. Mr. Pierson was for many years engaged in merchandising and also carried on a wool buying business in connection with Joseph Atkinson, of Pataskala. Forming a partnership, they engaged in the purchase of wool in the days when it was worth a dollar per pound and had to be paid for in gold. Mr. and Mrs. Pierson remained residents of Jersey township until called to their final rest. Their family numbered two daughters, Mrs. Martha Condit and Mrs. Mary Harland Barr. The former, the mother of Mrs. Whitehead, departed this life in Columbus, Ohio, where she had been living for twenty-five years. Mr. Condit spent the last two years of his life in the Masonic Home in Springfield, Ohio. They were the parents of three children: Mrs. Clara Louise Yardley, now deceased; Mrs. Whitehead; and Remington, who resides in Columbus, Ohio.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead has been blessed with five children, namely: Henry Harrison, who wedded Martha Chapin and now resides in Los Angeles, California; Mary Harland, who is the wife of William Henderson, of Harrison county, Ohio, and has two children, Bertram and Stewart; Moses Stewart, who operates the home farm; and Sarah Minzie and Luella, who are also at home.

Mr. Whitehead was always loyal to the republican party and while he did not seek or desire office for himself he did all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of the party. In early life he was a Methodist but afterward transferred his membership to the Presbyterian church and served as one of its trustees. In all departments of church work he was deeply interested and also took an active and helpful part in promoting public progress in temperance lines, laboring earnestly to secure the abolition of the liquor traffic. He was particularly happy in his home relations, finding his greatest pleasure at his own fireside. His entire life was dominated with the purpose of doing good to all men and he closely followed the golden rule while his labors and his influence constituted a potent factor for good in the community.

ELIAS EVANS.

Death often removes from our midst those whom we can ill afford to lose. A feeling of deep and uniform regret spread throughout the community when it was learned that Elias Evans had passed away, for he had long figured as one of the valued and respected farmers of Granville township. He was born upon what is known as the old Evans homestead, in the township, April 6, 1834, and his death there occurred March 18, 1902. He had spent his entire life, covering a period of nearly sixty-eight years, upon that farm, and in early life had become familiar with general agricultural pursuits, working in the fields from the time

that he was old enough to handle the plow. His education was acquired in the district schools, although the opportunities at that time were not equal to those of the present day. In the period of his youth there were many log houses in the county and the land was just being brought under cultivation by a class of energetic, enterprising settlers. Mr. Evans bore his part in the work of promoting agricultural interests here, and continued as a representative farmer for many years.

On January 1, 1861, Mr. Evans was united in marriage to Miss Martha Williams, who was born in Granville township, October 13, 1836, and has always resided here. She is a daughter of William P. and Mary (Hughes) Williams, natives of South Wales. The father was seven years of age and the mother three years old when brought to the United States. She was a daughter of the Rev. Thomas Hughes, a Baptist clergyman, who occupied the pulpit of the Welsh Hills church for a number of years, and proved a forceful factor in the moral development of the community. William P. Williams came to Ohio with his parents when seven years of age, the family home being established in Delaware county, while later he removed to Licking county and was identified with its farming interests. He lost his wife when their daughter, Mrs. Evans, the eldest of their four children, was but thirteen years of age. The others of the family are: Henry, now living in McKean township; Amelia, deceased; and Emma, the wife of Cyrus Evans, a brother of Elias Evans. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Elias Evans there were born a son and two daughters: Carey, who married Esther Palmer, and is living on the home farm, cultivating the tract of one hundred and fifty-seven acres belonging to himself and his mother; Ella, the wife of Oburst Burbank, engaged in the insurance business in Cincinnati, Ohio; and Ina, the wife of the Rev. W. G. Hoover, Baptist clergyman.

Mr. Evans continuously attended and supported the Welsh Hills Baptist church, of which he was a lifelong member. This church is situated on the old home farm, the lot having been deeded to the congregation by his father, Thomas Evans. Elias Evans served as a deacon of the church for about twenty-five years and gave his earnest support to its work. He was also equally stanch in his advocacy of the temperance cause, and for some years prior to his death voted with the prohibition party. He always believed in reform and progress, and his influence was on the side of justice, truth and right. His life was at all times in consistent harmony with his professions, and he was a splendid representative of the sterling class of Welsh citizens whose industry and enterprise have been the factors in the substantial upbuilding of this part of Licking county. To his family he was a devoted husband and father, and his friends found him a genial gentleman who could be relied upon under any circumstances.

WILLIAM HANKINSON.

William Hankinson figured for many years as a representative farmer of Licking county. Almost his entire life was spent within its borders, and while his attention was largely given to agricultural pursuits, he also found time for cooperation in movements for the public good. His friends found him genial

and courteous, and as the years passed his ability carried him into important relations with the agricultural development of the community. He was born in Perry county, Ohio, on the 30th of January, 1843, and during his early boyhood became a resident of Newton township, Licking county, to which place his parents, Simeon and Susannah (Collingham) Hankinson, removed. They were natives of New Jersey, were there reared, and in Perry county, Ohio, were married. Their last years were spent in Licking county, and they were numbered among its respected and worthy residents. They had a family of nine sons and two daughters. Four of the sons, William, Samuel, Joseph and George, served in the Civil war, all enlisting from Licking county. The last named was with General Sherman through his campaign. Joseph, who was not yet eighteen years of age when he enlisted, was taken prisoner, and suffered all the hardships of southern prison life. Three of the brothers still reside in this county.

William Hankinson, the third in order of birth, remained a resident of this county from his boyhood days. His youth was passed in the usual manner of farm lads of the period, and he was trained to habits of industry, economy and integrity on the home farm. He resided with his parents in Newton township until the time of his enlistment for service in the Civil war. In 1864 he offered his services to the government and joined Company F of the First Regiment of United States Veteran Engineers, with which command he continued until mustered out at the close of the war. He made a creditable military record, never faltering in the performance of any duty that devolved upon him, and when the war was over returned to his home. He then again lived upon the old homestead farm with his parents until his marriage.

It was on the 28th of November, 1868, that Mr. Hankinson wedded Miss Rebecca A. Cramer, who was born in Granville township, near her present home, a mile and a half north of the village of Granville, September 30, 1850. She has always lived in this county, and is a daughter of William and Adaline (Knight) Cramer, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Maine. The father was born June 10, 1803, and when he was six months old his parents, Thomas and Rebecca (Johnson) Cramer, came to this county. His mother swam the Ohio river with the babe on her back, and then, leaving her infant on the bank, swam back again to assist her husband in bringing over their effects. After locating here in 1803, the family remained residents of this part of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Cramer had eleven children, eight daughters and three sons. William was the eldest and the others were born in this county. He spent the remainder of his life here from the age of six months, and died on the farm which is now the home of Mrs. Hankinson, his demise occurring March 15, 1888. In the early days he made eleven trips from Licking county, Ohio, driving hogs to market, to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, having to go over the mountains, and being six weeks on the road. On one occasion, while returning, he walked eighty miles in one day. He also drove hogs to the Baltimore market. His wife was one of a family of fifteen children that lived to marry, and she died August 12, 1891, when more than eighty-two years of age. Unto Mr. and Mrs. William Cramer were born five children, but Mrs. Hankinson is the only one who survives.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hankinson was blessed with twelve children, but six died in youth. The others are as follows: Mary A. is the wife of Thomas D. Evans, one of the township trustees, and a carpenter by trade. They make

their home with her mother, and have two children, Grace and Eugene. Hayes follows farming in this neighborhood, and has two children, Wilbur R. and Lucy M. Dora V. is the wife of Samuel Sipe, of Alexandria, Ohio, and they have one child, Adeline. Elsie D. is the wife of Philip Philipps. Albert C. and Archie F. are at home.

After his marriage Mr. Hankinson and his bride lived upon her father's farm for fourteen years, at the end of which time they removed to the farm in Granville township upon which the widow now resides. In 1882 Mr. Hankinson purchased two hundred and thirty-three acres of land and bent his energies to its development and improvement, continuing its cultivation for almost twenty-five years. He accomplished good results, as seen in the fine appearance of his place, and as manifest also in the excellent crops which he annually gathered and marketed. His life was a busy, active and useful one, and though he had no financial assistance at the outset of his career, he worked his way upward and became one of the prosperous farmers of the community. All through his life he gave his political allegiance to the republican party and believed firmly in its principles, but never sought office as a reward for party fealty. Socially he was connected with the Grand Army of the Republic. He died January 25, 1907, on the home farm in Granville township. Wife and children were left to mourn the loss of a loving and devoted husband and father, who was devoted to the welfare of his family and was equally loyal in his friendships. In all of his business interests he was straightforward and reliable, and thus he left to his family not only a good property but also the priceless heritage of an untarnished name.

GEORGE R. GREEN.

When an individual passes from life it is common to review his history, taking note of his salient characteristics and of the work that he has accomplished. In the record of George R. Green there was much commendable and little to condemn. He was always actuated by honorable principles and manly purposes, and ever endeavored to do unto others as he would have them do to him. Thus closely following the Golden Rule, his life history is one well worthy of emulation. He was born in Rappahannock county, Virginia, June 11, 1836, a son of George W. and Louisa (Selix) Green, who were also natives of the Old Dominion. Their family numbered seven children, who were reared on the home farm and like the other sons of the household, George R. Green early became familiar with the task of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. His entire life was given to general agricultural pursuits. Born and reared in the south, he served for four years in the Confederate army, during the Civil war, under General Lee, and was also with General Early's black horse cavalry during the historical raid up the Shenandoah valley in Virginia in 1864.

In the year 1865 Mr. Green came to Ohio, settling at Cherry Valley, near Newark, where he resided for about four years. He then purchased the Martindale farm on York street and made it his home for more than thirty years, or until his demise. This is a farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres, constituting one of the attractive features of the landscape, for it is well improved with good buildings



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furnishing ample shelter to grain and stock, while the fields give evidence of the careful supervision bestowed upon them by the owner. As the years passed Mr. Green prospered in his undertakings and became one of the successful agriculturists of the community. About five years prior to his death he turned the management of the farm over to his son William and his remaining days were passed in well earned rest.

On the 28th of August, 1862, at Amesville, Virginia, Mr. Green was united in marriage to Miss Sarah C. Taylor, who was born in Rappahannock, Virginia, November 18, 1843, a daughter of George and Elmira (Green) Taylor, who spent their entire lives on a Virginia farm. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Green was blessed with nine children, but they lost their first-born, Alice, at the age of a year and a half. Anna Virginia and Anna Lee were twins. The former became the wife of Charles Langle, of Harrison township, while the latter is the deceased wife of Rufus Buxton. Amanda C. is the wife of William Hanna of Pataskala. Armita Frances is the wife of Charles Lenington, living near Jersey, this county. William F. wedded Gettie Roby and resides on the home farm in Harrison township. He is one of the enterprising agriculturists of the community and has erected a substantial residence on his father's farm and has also purchased sixty-five acres adjoining the home place. He operates both farms and is conducting an extensive dairy business, keeping Holstein cows for this purpose. Ella A. Green, the seventh member of the family, became the wife of Theophilus Langle and was killed by lightning, leaving a son and daughter. Jessie, a graduate from Bliss College of Columbus, was appointed the first teacher of the Bliss Commercial College of Newark when the home school at Columbus established a branch in Licking county. She is now office manager for the Clinchfield Coal Mining Company at Dante, Russell county, Virginia. Pearl is the wife of Ross Wilson, telegraph operator at Outville, Ohio.

The death of the husband and father occurred on the 29th of April, 1902, and on the 1st of May he was laid to rest in a beautiful lot in Pataskala cemetery. In 1866 he had united with the Christian Union church at Cherry Valley and his entire life was an exponent of his religious faith. He was devoted to his family and their welfare, faithful in his friendship and true to every relation of life, so that the community felt great sorrow when he passed away, knowing that they had sustained a heavy loss.

MORGAN EVANS.

Morgan Evans, who was for many years identified with the agricultural interests of Newark township, was born in South Wales, November 27, 1831, and departed this life here on the farm to which he had devoted his energies, January 18, 1901. In 1833, at the age of two years, he was brought to the new world by his parents, John J. and Sarah Evans, in company with his brothers, John T. and David, and his sisters, Hannah, Margaret, Mary, Jane and Eleanor. One son, Thomas, was born in this township. On arriving in this country his father repaired to the state of Ohio and settled three miles north of Granville, in Granville town-

ship, this county, where he remained for one year, plying his trade as a blacksmith and wagonmaker. On the expiration of that period he removed to Newark township, where he bought a farm which he cultivated, at the same time continuing to work at his trade in association with his sons, who built a blacksmith shop near the old spring and engaged in farming and blacksmithing until their father's death. The farm originally embraced one hundred and ten acres of woodland, and to this tract seventy-five acres were added, so that the farm in all embraces one hundred and eighty-five acres, which upon Mr. Evans' death was inherited by his children and subsequently purchased from the heirs by his sons, Morgan and Thomas, Morgan later buying out the interest of Thomas, who in 1880 went to Kansas, where he died, and Morgan remained in management of the farm until his death.

On July 2, 1853, Mr. Evans was united in marriage to Ann Frances Thomas, who was born in South Wales, May 1, 1835, and came to the Welsh Hills here with her parents, Owen and Catharine Thomas, when five years of age. She departed this life on the old homestead, January 12, 1901, having preceded her husband into eternity by six days. Their children were: George J., who was born July 23, 1854, and who remains at home, engaging in the labors of the farm; Sarah J., who is the widow of William Jones, and also resides at the old homestead; Elias E., who is forty-four years of age, and assists in cultivating the farm; Lina M., who was born September 20, 1871, and departed this life October 23, 1897; Alice C., who passed into eternity May 8, 1897, at the age of twenty-three years; and Annie Lou, wife of J. C. Stock, of this township. George and Elias Evans now own and manage the old home farm, which embraces one hundred and seventy acres, and is situated about four miles west of the courthouse, on the Sharon valley road.

Mr. Evans was known throughout the township as an ardent church worker, long holding membership in the Newark Presbyterian church. He was particularly active in behalf of the cause of temperance, labored earnestly all his life in putting before the people the evils incident to the liquor traffic, and endeavored as far as possible to influence all with whom he came in contact to assert themselves on the side of the temperance movement and become active in trying to effect the abolition of the saloon. In politics he was a staunch republican and always gave his support to that party. Mr. Evans' high moral character and noble aims won him the respect of all who knew him, and when he was called out of this life to participate in the joys of the life beyond the township lost one of its most substantial characters and useful citizens.

EVAN THOMAS.

The life record of Evan Thomas is that of a man who depended upon industry and perseverance for success. He early learned that those qualities will gain advancement, and though he started out in life empty-handed, he worked diligently and persistently, and was in possession of a valuable and profitable farm at the time of his demise. His life record covered seventy-two years. He was born at New Quay, Cardiganshire, South Wales, January 26, 1825, and was a son of

Christmas and Margaret Thomas. In 1842, when he was seventeen years of age, the family crossed the briny deep and made their way direct to Welsh Hills, in Granville township, Licking county, Ohio, where the parents spent their remaining days. Their children were: Mary, who died of cholera in Newark, and was interred at night in the Welsh Hills cemetery; Mrs. Hannah Morris, deceased; Evan, of this review; James, who served in the Mexican war; John, who died in childhood; Thomas, deceased, formerly a farmer of Washington county, Iowa; Mrs. Sarah Evans, deceased; and David, living in Newton township.

As indicated, Evan Thomas spent his youthful days in the land of his nativity and then came with his parents to the new world, where he assisted in the arduous task of developing a farm. Starting out in life for himself, he sought employment as a farm hand and was thus busily engaged until his labors and economy brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase a farm of his own. He became the possessor of one hundred and six acres of land in Granville township, and his efforts transformed the fields into a fertile tract, which annually brought forth good harvests. He labored diligently and persistently until his death, which occurred May 24, 1897.

Mr. Thomas was twice married. In 1857 he wedded Frances Jones, a native of Wales, and unto them was born a daughter, Mary, who died when about thirty years of age. For his second wife he chose Mary E. Rees, who was born in South Wales, February 5, 1842, and the same year was brought to St. Albans township, Licking county, by her parents, Thomas B. and Margaret (Richard) Rees, who spent their last days in Newark. They had two children, Mrs. Thomas and Richard, and the latter died in the Civil war. Mrs. Thomas has spent her entire life in this county.

Mr. Richard Rees was a member of Company D, Twenty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and made a creditable military record. Mr. Thomas gave his political allegiance to the democracy, and held membership in the Baptist church, his life being in harmony with his principles, while his sterling qualities of manhood at all times won for him the honor and good will of those with whom he was associated.

E. M. BAUGHER.

E. M. Baugher, a factor in financial circles, being now the president of the Home Building Association Company and a director of the People's National Bank, early learned to discriminate between the essential and the unessential—to determine that which was of value and to discard all that was of little worth in the accomplishment of the work which lay before him. To this quality Mr. Baugher owes his success and as the years have passed he has gone on and on winning new conquests in the business world until he today occupies a position of prominence among the enterprising and successful men of Newark. A native of Perryton, Ohio, Mr. Baugher was born March 8, 1868. He was twenty years of age when he came to Newark to accept the position of bookkeeper for the Home Building Association Company with which he has since been connected.

He acted as bookkeeper until January, 1890, when he was elected secretary and director of the company, thus continuing until January, 1908, when he was chosen to the presidency and is now the chief executive officer of a concern that has constituted an important element in the improvement of the city. Having made a close study of financial problems, Mr. Baugher's well known ability in this line led to his election as director of the People's National Bank of Newark and he was formerly its vice president. This bank was consolidated with the Franklin Bank Company, forming the Franklin National Bank, of which he is a director. His broad experience and thoroughness enable him to speak authoritatively upon many matters of importance in financial circles.

On the 6th of November, 1901, Mr. Baugher was married to Miss Dorothy Hutchings, a native of Kansas City, Kansas. They were prominent in the social circles of the city, and Mr. Baugher is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Masonic fraternity. He has attained high rank as a Mason and is now a member of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Sinking Fund Commission and is interested in everything that pertains to general progress and importance in Newark. He is numbered among the public-spirited citizens and as a business man has been conspicuous among his associates not only for his success, but for his probity, fairness and honorable methods. In everything he has been eminently practical, and this has been manifest not only in his business undertakings, but also in social and private life.

JOSEPH T. SWISHER.

For more than three quarters of a century the Swisher family, which is of German extraction, has been identified with the agricultural interests of Lima township. His grandfather, Philip Swisher, who was born near Berlin, Germany, March 8, 1776, in early childhood went with his father, Nicholas Swisher, to Virginia, where the latter spent the remainder of his life. In 1827 Philip Swisher left Virginia with a two-horse wagon, and coming to Licking county located on one hundred and sixty acres of land which he bought from the government and which he and his sons cleared and made ready for cultivation. He was a typical German, gifted with all the sterling characteristics of his race, particularly that of industry, and he soon had the forests cut down and the land producing abundant harvests. He was well known for his honesty and morality and having been a man of high, Christian character he was regular in his attendance upon the services of the Lutheran church. In Virginia he was united in marriage to Katharine Baughman, who passed away on this farm in 1849, in her seventy-fourth year. She held membership in the Presbyterian church. Among their children were: Magdalene, who became the wife of Isaac Thorp; Katharine, wife of Jacob Waggy; Rebecca, who wedded Nicholas Merrill; Wedlena, who became the wife of Samuel Wilkins; Mary Anne, who passed away in her sixtieth year; Joseph, who wedded Dorothy Houser; Isaac, who was united in marriage with Amanda Dennison; and Philip.



J. T. SWISHER

The parents of Joseph T. Swisher were Philip and Cassandra (Hughes) Swisher, his birth having occurred in Hardy county, Virginia, February 27, 1817, while his wife was born in Jefferson township, Franklin county, Ohio, March 21, 1820. She was a daughter of John and Mary (Wayne) Hughes, the former of Welsh descent. The latter was a cousin of the distinguished General Wayne. They were both natives of Maryland, where they were married. They afterward came to Ohio on horseback about the time of the outbreak of the war of 1812, bringing with them their two children who were carried in the two ends of a sack which had been opened in the center and was thrown over the horse's back, with one of the children on each side. Their daughter, Cassandra, was born after their arrival in Ohio and in this state married Philip Swisher. They spent their married lives on the original farm entered by his father on which he carried on agriculture all his days. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a supporter of the democratic party, and although he never saw active service he was first lieutenant in the state militia during the Mexican war. Mr. Swisher passed to his eternal rest in Lima township, April 21, 1851, his wife, who departed this life in Etna township, having survived him by fifty-six years, her death having occurred March 7, 1907, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. Among their children were: Joseph T.; Ann M., who wedded Samuel Meeks, both being deceased; Melissa J., the wife of William Wells, residing in Pataskala; William C., who served in the One Hundred and Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and wedded Mattie Pitzer; their home being three miles south of Newark; Margaret R., who became the wife of John H. Egolf, of Etna; Mary E., deceased, who is survived by her husband, La Fayette Mason; and Laura, deceased, who was the wife of F. B. Seiler.

Joseph T. Swisher was reared on the farm where he was born, and which was originally entered by his grandfather and there under his father's direction acquired a knowledge of farming and at the same time obtained his education in the district schools. Upon the death of his father, in 1851, he assumed the management of the farm and remained there until he was married. He then followed agricultural pursuits for himself on a farm containing fifty-two acres, located a mile and a quarter north of Summit Station. In 1862 he enlisted in Company C, Forty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain John W. Wiseman, and served until April, of 1863, when he was honorably discharged at Camp Chase, owing to disability caused by an accident. He served in General Sherman's Army of the West and was on the march most of the time, and in Mississippi he was injured and was compelled to use crutches for four months. On one occasion he was hit in the leg by a spent ball while doing picket duty, but the impact was not such as to cause serious trouble. After the war he returned home and at once resumed general farming, but in late years he has given up active life to some extent, owing to his advanced age.

On March 6, 1862, Mr. Swisher wedded Eliza A. Donovan, whose birth occurred near Brownsville, Ohio, August 15, 1839, and who departed this life July 18, 1903. She was a daughter of Robert and Emily J. (Hanley) Donovan, her father having been a native of Maryland, while her mother was born in this state, and both parents departed this life in this township. They reared the following family: Eliza J.; Joseph W., who resides near Reynoldsburg, this state;

Thomas, a resident of Columbus, Ohio; John, deceased; Frank, who lives in Reynoldsburg; and John, who resides in Lima township. To Mr. and Mrs. Swisher have been born two children: Martha J. is the wife of William H. Cashdollar, residing in this township with their children, Elma J., Estella, Irene Elnora, and Carrie Elsie. William T., of Lima township, wedded Miss Mary B. Stover, by whom he has one son, Earl B., and three daughters, Bertha May, Ethel Nora and Carrie Lorea. Besides their own children they have reared Katherine Mary Mason, a daughter of Mr. Swisher's sister, Mary E., whom they have had since she was five days old.

Politically Mr. Swisher is an independent democrat who has taken quite an interest in local affairs. For a number of terms he served as justice of the peace, trustee and assessor, and was a member of the school board for twenty years. In fact he has held all the offices under the township government. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Pataskala and belongs to Lodge No. 404, A. F. & A. M.; Jersey Lodge No. 523, I. O. O. F.; and Baird Post, G. A. R. For many years he was an active factor in the affairs of the local Grange until the organization was disbanded. Mr. Swisher is well known throughout the township as an industrious and upright citizen and has always enjoyed the confidence and respect of his neighbors.

MRS. SARAH J. JONES.

Mrs. Sarah J. (Evans) Jones, widow of William Jones, who was an extensive land proprietor and agriculturist of this township, was born here in 1856, a daughter of Morgan and Ann Frances (Thomas) Evans, natives of Wales, who entered into rest in January, 1901, within six days of each other. Mrs. Jones was one of a family of six children, the others being: George G. and Elias E., both agriculturists of this place; Lina M., who was born September 20, 1871, and departed this life October 23, 1897; Alice C., who passed into eternity May 8, 1897, at the age of twenty-three years; and Annie Lou, the wife of J. C. Stock, of this township. The Evans family was for many years identified with the educational work of the district, Mrs. Jones having for a number of terms taught the neighboring school, over which her mother and two sisters also presided at different times. George and Elias Evans now own and manage the old home farm, which embraces one hundred and seventy acres of land, located about four miles west of the courthouse, on the Sharon valley road.

In January, 1883, Mrs. Jones became the wife of William Jones, a native of this place, born April 6, 1848, and a son of Evan and Ann (Jenkins) Jones, who came to this country from Wales, settling in Newark township, where they reared a family of nine children. His mother departed this life in 1881, his father surviving until the year 1887. Mr. Jones followed farming and stock-raising all his life, and his thrifty management of his business brought him prosperity, enabling him to accumulate a large and valuable tract of land, which he kept under a high state of cultivation until death terminated his useful career as a progressive farmer and considerate husband. His business affairs were of the most substantial char-

acter, and aside from his valuable farm he also left in the city of Newark nine acres of real estate, now in the possession of his widow, who makes her home with her brothers on the farm.

One son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jones, William J., Jr., who has entered into rest. Politically Mr. Jones was a democrat, profoundly convinced of the feasibility of the principles of his party to make prosperous and permanent the nation's commercial, industrial and financial systems, and was ever loyal to his party candidates. Although he never desired to hold office, and always shrunk from the idea of participating in public affairs in an official capacity, yet he was public-spirited, favoring movements designed to promote the good of the community. He belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His widow is a member of the First Presbyterian church of Newark, and her faithful adherence to the principles of her faith as a Christian, and her love for the church and solicitation and endeavor for the reign of righteousness on the earth, are strongly indicative of her noble purpose and excellent character.

ROBERT W. HOWARD.

Robert W. Howard, successfully practicing at the Newark bar, is a self-made man who, without any extraordinary family or pecuniary advantages at the outset of his career, has battled earnestly and energetically, and by indomitable courage and integrity has achieved both character and fortune. By sheer force of will and untiring effort he has worked his way upward and is today numbered among the leading lawyers of Newark. He has used every opportunity that has led him up to the goal for which he has striven, and become recognized not only as a strong and forceful attorney but also as a leader and molder of public opinions. At the present writing he is representing his district in the state legislature, and that his course has the endorsement of his party is indicated by the fact that he is now serving his second term.

Mr. Howard is a native of Jacksontown, Licking county, his birth having there occurred on the 30th of September, 1867. His father, Jonas M. Howard, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and in 1859 arrived in Licking county, Ohio, and established his home in Jacksontown, where he engaged in mechanical pursuits. He was married in 1861 to Miss Margaret Wylie, a native of Jacksontown, of Irish descent. The father died in 1902, at the age of sixty-seven years, but the mother still survives.

The public school system of his native town afforded Robert W. Howard his early educational privileges, and, passing through consecutive grades, he at length completed the high school course. He afterward attended the Ohio Wesleyan University, and thus gained a good literary knowledge to serve as the foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of professional learning. From boyhood he was desirous of becoming a member of the bar, and with this end in view he worked diligently and perseveringly in different lines of labor to gain money that would enable him to prosecute this plan, realizing that broad general knowledge should supersede his preparation for the bar. Eventually he commenced the study

of law with Judge John W. Swartz and Judge D. A. Allen, of Newark, as his preceptors, and continued reading law until he had gained comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence, enabling him to successfully pass the examination for admission to the bar on the 11th of March, 1897. From the 17th day of March of that year he continued practice in the office where he had started. Gradually he has worked his way upward in his chosen profession, and his logical grasp of facts and principles of law applicable thereto has been a potent element in his success. In early manhood he engaged in teaching school for five years, being thus connected with the schools of Licking county for three years and with Franklin schools for two years, but his professional work of this character was regarded by him merely as a step toward the bar, keeping in mind always his early formed purpose of one day becoming an attorney.

Mr. Howard has always been active in democratic circles, and is a stalwart supporter of the principles of the party. He served as clerk in the department of state, supervisor of election for five years, and he has been chairman of the democratic county committee. He was elected to fill out an unexpired term in the state legislature for Licking county and that he received his party's endorsement is indicated by the fact that he was again nominated for the office, was reelected and served on several of the important house committees.

On the 11th of March, 1903, was celebrated the marriage of Robert W. Howard to Miss Bertha Rachael Watkins, a native of Granville township, this county, and a daughter of David Watkins, an old and respected farmer of this locality. Mrs. Howard is a graduate of Denison University and is an artist of much more than ordinary ability. By her marriage she has become the mother of one daughter, Mary Margaret, born August 24, 1904. The parents hold membership in the Presbyterian church and Mr. Howard belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His life has been one of continuous activity to which has been accorded due recognition of labor, and his ability is manifested in the large and distinctively represented clientage which is today his. His interests are thoroughly identified with those of Licking county and at all times he has sought to lend his aid and cooperation to any movement calculated to benefit this section of the country or advance its welfare and development.

ORA J. GREEN.

For more than a century the ancestors of Ora J. Green have been associated with the agricultural interests of this county, his paternal grandfather, Richard Green, and his wife, whose family name was Davis, having come to Ohio from Maryland in the early days, and also his maternal grandparents, Jacob and Phoebe Swisher, who were born December 7, 1778, and April, 1781, respectively. They were natives of Maryland, where they were united in marriage January 1, 1805, and they reared the following family: Abraham, who was united in marriage with Hannah Wilkins, March 9, 1826; Isaac, who was twice wedded, first to Sarah Crollins, June 27, 1830, and after her death to Sarah Woodruffee, on September



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15, 1831; Anna, who became the wife of William Kirk on March 19, 1829; and Mary. The parents of Ora J. Green were Benjamin and Mary (Swisher) Green. The father's birth occurred in Licking township, this county, in May, 1814, and there he spent the greater part of his life, passing away September 25, 1895. The mother was born in 1810 on the same farm on which occurred the nativity of her husband, and which her father entered about the year 1800. Benjamin Green was a local preacher and well known throughout this part of the state for his usefulness in the ministry, while his wife was also a devoted Christian and both were instrumental in doing much toward heightening the moral and spiritual tone of the community. Their children were Phoebe Ann, widow of Thomas Hillman, residing in Licking township; Sarah, wife of J. P. Swisher, of Hebron; Rowena, the wife of George Dillon Dickens, of Licking township; Richard, who departed this life in Louisville, Kentucky, May 11, 1869, in his twenty-sixth year; Illa, the wife of John Hand, of California; and Ora J.

Ora J. Green was born in Licking township November 6, 1846, and during his boyhood days on the home farm he worked in the fields from the time of early spring planting until crops were harvested in the late autumn. He also availed himself of the educational advantages offered by the district schools, attending the Brombeck school, which is one of the old-time schools of the county and is still standing on the Newark road. After putting aside his text-books he gave his undivided attention to the work of the fields and for sixty-one years remained on his farm, cultivating the crops best adapted to soil and climate and also engaging in stock-raising. His farm lies in Licking township and contains three hundred acres which he brought under a high state of cultivation. He also made many substantial improvements on the place, including a comfortable residence and substantial barns and outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. He likewise secured the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields and thus year after year carried on general agricultural pursuits until a recent date when he retired and removed to Hebron to enjoy a well earned rest.

On March 21, 1871, Mr. Green wedded Mary J. Pound, a daughter of Isaac and Sarah J. (Carr) Pound, natives of Orange county, New York, who came to this county in 1848, settling in Mary Ann township, where they spent their remaining days on the farm on which they located. The mother departed this life March 17, 1904. To them were born ten children, of whom two died in infancy. The others are as follows: Joseph, who resides in Newton township; Samuel, deceased; Henry, a resident of Orange county, New York; Edson, who lives in Newton township; Mary J.; Sarah E., who became the wife of Benjamin Colwell, of Orange county, New York, where they died; Isabelle, the deceased wife of Albert Lock, who is a resident of Newton township; and Frances Ellen, who is the wife of Lee Atherton, of Delaware, and has an adopted daughter, Dora, whom they took when she was three years of age and who is now the wife of Harry Musselman, of Licking township, and the mother of one child, Mary Green Musselman, who is now attending school in Hebron.

Mr. Green is a staunch advocate of the cause of temperance and a strong opponent of the liquor traffic. Because of this he gives his unfaltering support to the prohibition party and, noting the rapid growth of temperance sentiment at the present time, he believes that the date is not far distant when the manufacture

and sale of liquor will be largely diminished. For the past thirty years he has been an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, regularly attending its services and closely following its teachings. His life has been actuated by high and honorable principles and characterized by many sterling traits so that in every respect he measures up to the full standard of honorable manhood.

E. G. YOWELL, M. D.

Dr. E. G. Yowell, engaged in the practice of medicine, was born in Licking township, Licking county, July 12, 1878. His father, Franklin Yowell, a native of Virginia, came to Licking county when a young man. He was a representative of an old Virginia family and following his removal to this state was identified with general agricultural pursuits for many years. He married Miss Mary Grove, also a native of Virginia, who is still living, but Franklin Yowell passed away at the age of 58 years.

Dr. Yowell pursued his education in the country schools, was graduated from the Jackson town high school and also attended normal school at Granville and Delaware. Taking up the study of medicine he continued his preparation for the profession until he graduated from the Ohio Medical University in 1901. Indeed, he has always remained as a student of the science of medicine, carrying his research far and wide into the realms of scientific knowledge and investigation. Following his graduation he commenced practice in Newark, where he has since remained, and a good patronage is accorded him, showing the public has confidence in his skill and ability. He is very careful and accurate in the diagnosis of his cases and his judgment is seldom, if ever, at fault in determining the outcome of disease. He is a member of the County Medical Society and in more specific fraternal lines is connected with the Eagles and Home Guards. A young man of attractive social qualities as well as professional skill, he is popular with his fellow townsmen and has a large circle of warm friends.

GEORGE F. FRANKLIN.

George F. Franklin for many years has been prominent in the business circles of Newark, Ohio. Now in his eightieth year, after a long season of active and profitable service in the upbuilding of the interests of the community, he is now spending his remaining days in retirement. His straightforward business methods, his amiable disposition, together with his extraordinary ability, have given him a high reputation in the commercial circles of the city, winning him a host of warm friends, and according him unusual popularity. He is a man of fine parts, and, in addition to a pleasing personality, possesses those traits and qualities which leave a lasting and agreeable impression upon all with whom he comes in contact. He has always been upright and just in his dealings, and, during his long commercial career, has been successful in not only placing himself in comfortable

circumstances but also in contributing much to the welfare of the community. He was born in Westbury, England, November 19, 1828, while his father, Edward Franklin, was a native of London, who migrated to New York city in the year 1831, and thence to Newark, Ohio, in 1837. In 1843 he founded the Franklin Bank, now known as the Franklin National Bank. His training in the banking business began early in life, for when a boy in his native land he was employed in a banking institution operated by an uncle. He continued in that enterprise until the time of his death, which occurred in 1858, while his wife, Mary Hooper Franklin, a descendant of a celebrated family by the name of Hooper, passed into the life beyond in 1876.

George F. Franklin received his preliminary education in the public schools of Newark, Ohio, and was then placed in charge of a private tutor, and subsequently took a four years' course of study in Central College, Ohio. After completing his education he assumed a clerkship in his father's bank, remaining in the employ of his parent until he had become familiar with the various phases of banking, when he went to Marion, Ohio, where he was engaged as teller and book-keeper in a similar institution. There he remained for five years, then resigned to become cashier of Colonel May's Bank at Rensselaer, Indiana. This position he held for several years. Severing his relations with the concern, he returned to the bank in Marion, Ohio, in which he had been formerly employed, and therewith remained until 1877, when he resigned his position and started in the fire insurance business. In the new venture, aided by the financial experience he had acquired in his long years of service in the banks, he became quite successful. He was well known throughout the community, and rapidly gained an extensive patronage. In his business he represented all of the best insurance companies in the United States, and in 1890, after a long and uninterrupted career of useful endeavor, he retired, and was succeeded by his son, Hooper Franklin, who is now in charge of the business.

In 1856 Mr. Franklin wedded Harriet V. Beerbower, who departed this life in 1881. In 1882 he was united in marriage to Georgiana Wilson, daughter of Dr. John N. Wilson, a pioneer physician of Newark, Ohio. Dr. Wilson was born in Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, while his wife, Sabra W. (Newton) Wilson, was a native of Massachusetts. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Franklin by the first marriage were the following children: Hooper and George Franklin, who are now conducting their father's insurance business, and Florence Franklin, now the wife of W. H. Anderson. Mr. Franklin is a member of the Episcopal church.

JOHN H. WATKINS.

John H. Watkins, a substantial farmer of Newark township and who in many ways has rendered valuable service to the community, was born here November 7, 1850, a son of John and Helen (Daniels) Watkins, natives of Cardiganshire, North Wales, who were brought to the new world in childhood. Mr. Watkins was accompanied to this country by his brothers and for many years worked as a mill-stone cutter, but later took up farming, which he followed until he departed this life on January 1, 1860. His wife emigrated to this country

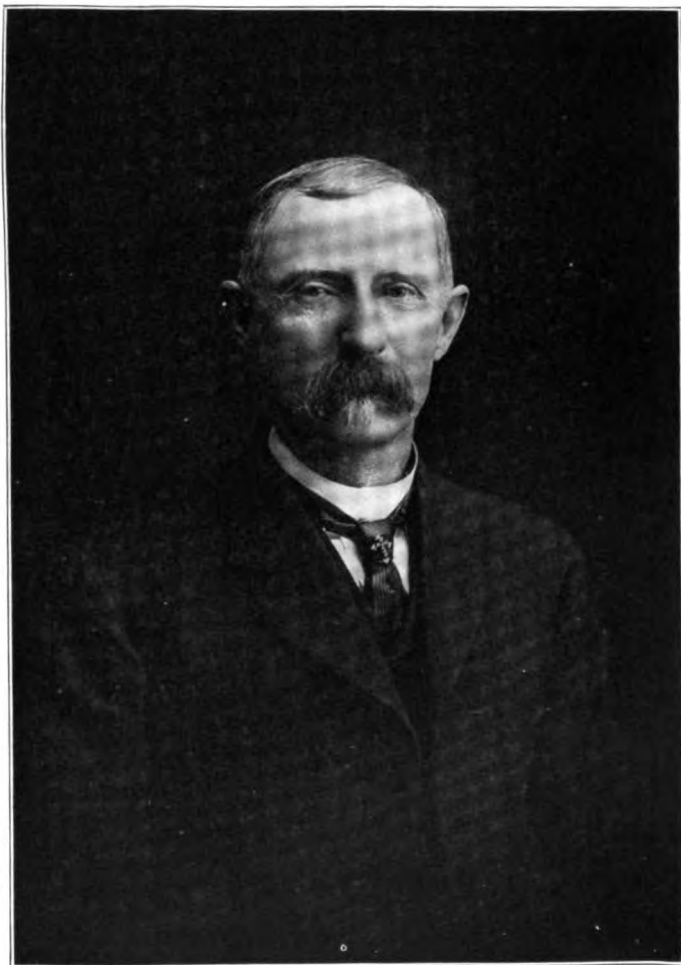
with her parents, and after her marriage lived in this township with her husband until she passed away on December 27, 1850. Their family consisted of Morris, who resides in Alexandria, St. Albans township; Mary A., who lives with her husband, Richard Beeny, in St. Louisville, Ohio; and John H., who was but seven weeks of age when his mother passed to her eternal rest. Upon her death Mr. Watkins remarried and had three children by his second wife.

When John H. Watkins was but a few weeks old he was placed in the home of Peter Holler, to whom he was bound until twenty-one years of age and under whose supervision he was reared and nurtured. Mr. Holler, being a good man, gave the child every possible advantage at his command, making it possible for him not only to regularly attend the common schools but also to pursue a course of study at Denison University. When Mr. Watkins reached the age of maturity he did not leave the home in which he had been reared, but remained with Mr. Holler and his wife, who had treated him with exceptional kindness, and out of consideration for them in their old days he took charge of the farm when they lost their son, and continued managing it and contributing to their comfort until they departed this life. Upon the death of Mr. and Mrs. Holler Mr. Watkins inherited the farm, which consists of seventy-five acres, on which he has since remained, devoting his time to raising general crops and to breeding stock.

In 1874 Mr. Watkins was united in marriage to Elizabeth J. English, a native of this township, where her birth occurred March 31, 1850, and a daughter of Nathaniel and Rachel (Helphrey) English, natives of this county, in which they lived all their days and reared a family of eight children. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins have one son, Guy, chief inspector of the telephone plant at Urbana. He wedded Ethel Barker, and they have two children, Nina E. and Guy Herbert. His political allegiance Mr. Watkins gives to the democratic party and has served as township assessor and also as president of the board of education for several years. He is a man of excellent traits of character and through his industry and aggressiveness has not only attained his own present prosperity but has contributed to the general improvement of the township in which he has so long resided.

GEORGE L. SWARTZ.

George L. Swartz, who is a worthy representative of the German element which has been instrumental in doing so much in agricultural lines for this and other states, owns and operates a large farm near Thornville, this county. His birth occurred in Licking county, December 25, 1856. His grandfather, John Swartz, a grape grower in Germany, came to this country at an early date, bringing with him a number of grapevines, and settled in Perry county, where for a number of years he operated an extensive vineyard. Among his children was Joseph Swartz, who was born in Lorraine, which was then a province of Germany, and was brought to this country by his parents when he was in his sixth year, locating with them in Perry county, where he was reared and united in marriage, subsequently removing to this county where he followed the occupation of farming until his death, his remains having been interred in Mount Calvary cemetery,



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at Newark. His religious convictions were on the side of Roman Catholicism and in politics he always gave his vote to the democratic party. A good man, favorably spoken of for his honesty, sobriety, and industry, he was well liked and respected by all who knew him. His wife was Lydia Trovinger, a native of Perry county, where they were married. She departed this life in Newark and was buried beside her husband in the Mount Calvary cemetery. She reared seven children, namely: John, deceased; Marion, who is in the grocery business at Newark; George L.; Sarah, deceased; Mary, deceased; Alice, wife of William Young, who is associated with the Consumers Brewery, of Newark, as bookkeeper; and Laura, who became the wife of W. J. Koos, bookkeeper for William Herdman & Company, of Columbus, Ohio.

George L. Swartz had the advantage of an excellent education. Having received his preliminary training in the district schools of Licking township, he subsequently spent two years in the schools of Newark, and had completed three years' study in St. Mary's College, at Dayton, Ohio, when his health failed, compelling him to return home, where he has since been engaged in farming. He owns three hundred acres of land, the entire tract being under cultivation and provided with a fine dwelling house and all necessary outbuildings, and here he engages in general farming and stock raising. He is in every sense a self-made man, the present prosperity with which he is surrounded being due to his unremitting energy, business ability and careful management, and particularly to the scientific study he gives to the various departments of agriculture.

On December 27, 1877, Mr. Swartz wedded Miss Rebecca B. Coffman, a native of this county, by whom he has six children, namely: Lulu, A. W., Susie, Carl, Mildred and Mary, all residing at home. The elder son operates one of his father's farms. Mr. Swartz votes the democratic ticket, the policies of that party appealing to him as fundamentally correct and wise, and although he does not want public office himself, yet, desirous of aiding his party to attain success, he is always willing and ready during campaigns to use his vote and influence on behalf of its candidates. His fellow townsmen elected him to office and for six years he has served efficiently as a trustee of the township. He belongs to St. Francis de Sales parish of Newark, and being a man who always endeavors to act in obedience to a high standard of morals, his character is above reproach and he is one of the township's representative sons.

WILLIAM HOLLER.

William Holler, who for many years has been identified with the agricultural interests of Newark township and who descends from an old Virginia family, the members of which followed farming in that state and came here at an early date, was born in Madison township, October 3, 1838, and, with the exception of few years, has spent his entire life here. His grandfathers spent their lives on farms in the vicinity of Newark. The paternal grandparents, Henry and Katharine (Helsley) Holler, were natives of Virginia and among their children was Henry Holler, Jr., the father of our subject, whose birth occurred in the Shenandoah

valley of Virginia. When four years of age he accompanied his parents on their removal to Licking county and on attaining man's estate he wedded Miss Katharine Showman, a native of Maryland, who likewise came to this county with her parents at an early day. Her birth occurred on the farm on which the battle of Antietam took place and which was owned by her father, Jacob Showman. Her mother died of cholera in 1834. Henry Holler, Jr., departed this life in Newark in 1886, when he had attained the age of seventy-nine years, while his wife was called to her final rest at the age of sixty-seven years.

William Holler was one of eleven children, three of whom survive, one child, Hiram, having lost his life while serving with the First Iowa Cavalry during the Civil war. After acquiring his education in the district schools of his native township, Mr. Holler remained on the old home farm for a time and in 1854 removed with his parents to Newark township. On the 18th of August, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, Ninety-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with Captain David Thomas, and participated in all of the engagements of his regiment, including Richmond, Kentucky; Jackson, Mississippi; the siege of Vicksburg; Tupelo, Mississippi; Spanish Fort, Alabama; and Nashville, Tennessee. In Richmond, Kentucky, he was taken prisoner, but was not detained long before being exchanged. Upon receiving his honorable discharge on August 14, 1865, after he had served throughout the entire war, he returned home and resumed the pursuit of agriculture, which he has since followed without intermission. His farm consists of one hundred and sixty acres of excellent land and is provided with barns, outbuildings and machinery, with all conveniences required to carry on its cultivation by modern methods, and in addition to producing general grain crops he has given considerable attention to raising stock. His residence, which is three miles north of the courthouse on the Mount Vernon road, is an elegant brick building, which was constructed in 1836 by General Thomas Wilson, who was commanding officer of the state militia, and in which he resided for a number of years. The grave of John Sparks, who was a guide and scout for the Lewis and Clark expedition, is on Mr. Holler's farm, marked by a thin sandstone slab and is looked upon by the citizens of the community as an old landmark.

On February 15, 1866, Mr. Holler wedded Mary Channell, who was born near Utica, this county, on March 8, 1842, and departed this life on December 4, 1904, after having passed all her days in Licking county. She was a daughter of Aaron Channell, who was captain of Company E, Twelfth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war and served from the year 1861 until 1864 and in June, of the latter year, lost his life in the battle of Cloyd Mountain, Virginia, of which state he was a native. Mr. Channell was among the early settlers of Licking county, to which he came with his parents when a lad. His father was a soldier in the war of 1812, and his grandfather in the colonial army.

Mr. and Mrs. Holler have two sons: Edward, a farmer of Utica, this county; and William, of Newark. In politics Mr. Holler has always given his support to the republican party because, after studiously deliberating upon the value of its principles, he long ago became convinced that they contained the secret of our nation's financial worth and are best suited to produce permanent prosperity. His religious convictions become apparent upon knowing that he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Newark, with which he has been affiliated for

many years and of which he has always been a liberal supporter. He is a comrade of Newark Lemert Post, No. 71, G. A. R. Mr. Holler is a man who is widely known throughout the county for his honesty and straightforwardness, and, as well, for his upright life, and stands in high respect among the citizens of the township.

ROBERT JOHN OWEN.

Robert John Owen, following the occupation of farming as a life work, was born May 31, 1844, on the farm which is now his home and which is pleasantly located on Burg street, about three miles north of Granville. He is a representative of that valued class of Welsh-American citizens who have done so much toward developing and upbuilding this portion of the state. His parents, John R. and Ann (Jones) Owen, were both natives of the north of Wales, born in Montgomeryshire. The father's birth occurred in 1811, while the mother first opened her eyes to the light of day in 1816. John R. Owen was a young man of about twenty-one years when, in 1832, he crossed the Atlantic to New York. After working there for six years he returned to Wales and brought his parents and his future wife and her parents to the United States. He then worked for three years longer in New York and in 1841 came to Licking county, Ohio. In the meantime he had carefully saved his earnings until his capital was sufficient to enable him to purchase fifty acres of land and a horse and he traded his watch for a wagon. From time to time he added to his property as his financial resources increased until his holdings aggregated about five hundred acres. He had one hundred and seventy-five acres in the home place, one hundred and fifty-five acres adjoining, one hundred and forty-four acres in Newark township and twenty-two acres in McKean township. His landed interests were the visible evidence of his life of well directed thrift, industry and careful management. He could justly be called a self-made man, deserving all the praise that that term implies. He had started out empty handed on coming to America and had worked in a distillery in Waterville, New York, and also as a farm hand, but he was imbued with the laudable desire to achieve success and make a comfortable living for his family and as the years passed by his carefully directed labors gained for him a place among the substantial citizens of the county. After becoming a naturalized American citizen, he stanchly supported the republican party, believing its principles were most conducive to good government. He was also a member of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist church and served as one of the elders at Granville. His life was upright and honorable, winning for him the favorable regard of all with whom he came in contact. He died in Newark township in 1882, while his wife reached the advanced age of eighty-eight years, dying in 1904. Their family numbered four children: Robert J., of this review; David, who is living in the same neighborhood; Thomas D., who is represented elsewhere in this volume; and Dr. John J. Owen, a practicing physician of Philadelphia.

On the old home farm Robert J. Owen was reared and has always resided here with the exception of two or three years passed in Newark township. He owns and occupies the old home place of one hundred and seventy-five acres and

devotes his energies to general farming and stock-raising. He knew that labor was the source of success and had been trained to habits of diligence, enterprise and business integrity. As the years have gone by he has carefully managed his farming interests and is now meeting with success in the cultivation of his crops and also in raising stock.

On the 17th of February, 1870, Mr. Owen was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Harries, who was born in Carmarthen, Wales, February 27, 1849, and during her infancy was brought to America by her parents, the Rev. David and Margaret (Lewis) Harries, also natives of Wales. In their family were seven daughters and one son. The father was a Presbyterian minister and his last charge was in Chicago, where he remained for eighteen years. During that time he was instrumental in erecting a beautiful house of worship known as Hebron church.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Owen have been born five children, of whom three are living: John Charles, who is with the Central Ohio Paper Company of Columbus; David Harries, teller in the Commercial National Bank of Columbus; and Robert Dwight, a student in the Ohio State University. Those deceased are Robert Wellelyn and Margaret Annette. The family attend the Presbyterian church of Granville, of which Mr. and Mrs. Owen are members, and Mr. Owen is an elder. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the principles of the republican party, but has never sought nor desired office as a reward for party fealty, preferring ever to give his undivided attention to his business interests, which, capably conducted, have brought him signal success.

PHILIP KRUMM.

Philip Krumm, a prosperous farmer of Lima township, whose family for many generations has followed the same pursuit in this part of the state, was born in Mifflin township, Franklin county, Ohio, March 31, 1842, a son of Martin and Mary Krumm, both of whom were natives of the fatherland. His father, accompanied by his second wife and seven children, after seventy-seven days voyage, landed in America in the year 1832, the journey being anything but agreeable, since in those days passengers were required to carry their own edibles and drinking water, and consequently they were obliged to suffer the pangs of hunger and the little food afforded them was obviously unsavory. In all he had fourteen sons and four daughters, seven sons and three daughters being by his second wife, and of these four sons and one daughter survive and a half brother is also living. Of his four sons three, Joseph, Harmon and Philip, were in the one hundred days' service during the Civil war, and the fourth, Louis, served three years in the Ninety-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. John and Gottlieb, half brothers, were among the "forty-niners" who during the gold excitement went to California where they successfully followed mining for a number of years. The elder Mr. Krumm departed this life in Franklin county, Ohio, in the year 1864, when seventy-seven years of age, and his wife survived him by twenty-five years, passing away March 2, 1889.



MR. AND MRS. PHILIP KRUM

In the district school of Mifflin township, Franklin county, where his parents located on coming to America, Philip Krumm received his education, and upon completing his studies remained on the old home farm, engaged in the active pursuit of agriculture until he was twenty-four years of age, when he came to this county with his brother-in-law, Henry Geiseck, with whom he engaged in farming until he was united in marriage. He then pursued the occupation independently until a few years ago, when he retired. His farm consists of seventy acres located on the Lima and Etna township line and is highly improved land, equipped with the best modern machinery and provided with a comfortable residence, barns, outbuildings and all the requirements for conducting a general farming business. During his career as an agriculturist Mr. Krumm gave his undivided attention to the enterprise and pursued the occupation industriously and perseveringly, and from year to year his harvests were of pecuniary advantage and enabled him to establish himself in comfortable circumstances so that in the evening of life he might enjoy the fruits of his long years of labor. Although he is in his sixty-seventh year he is not contented with living a life of inactivity, and while he has given up farm duties he utilizes a great deal of his time in selling fencing.

On November 23, 1865, Mr. Krumm was united in marriage with Susannah Young, who was born in this township about a mile and a half south of Summit Station, on May 24, 1848, and has resided here all her life. She was a daughter of Mathias and Susannah (Lurany) Young, her father having been a native of Maryland, where his birth occurred in June, 1814, and her mother of Fairfield county, Ohio, where she was born in the year 1822. With his parents Mr. Young came to Fairfield county prior to his marriage, and was one of the number who cut the timber for the new part of the old state reservoir. In Fairfield county he was married, in April, 1839, and one year later he located on a farm in this township where he resided until his death in January, 1889, his wife departing this life five years later. Their farm consisted of two hundred and fifty acres of excellent land, in addition to which they owned other large tracts of land which they also devoted to agriculture, the seventy acres now under cultivation by Mr. Krumm being a portion of the two hundred and fifty acre farm. Susannah Young was one of seven children, the others being Daniel and Richard, deceased; Manesay Howard, of Columbus; Lafayette, of Pataskala; Franklin, who died in infancy; and David, of Columbus. Daniel enlisted in Company I, Ninety-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until the close of the war, and his brother Richard, who enlisted in the nine months' service in the Seventy-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, also enlisted in the One Hundred and Eighty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served for three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Krumm were blessed with the following children: Minnie Connell, of Summit Station; Frank, of this township; Lowell, who died in infancy; Etta Ealy, of Columbus; Clara McPeck, of Portage county; James, who died in infancy; Ada Belknap, of Columbus; Arthur, at home; Florence Brown, of Columbus; and Harvey, who resides at home. Mr. Krumm votes with the republican party, to which he has always given his support. As to his religious faith, he is liberal and, being a man of great sympathy and kindness and one who wishes the best for humanity at large, he is affiliated with the Uni-

versalist church, at the services of which he is a faithful worshiper. As heretofore mentioned, he served in Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in the one hundred days' service, and was honorably discharged at Camp Chase, August 20, 1864. Aside from being an industrious and enterprising man, Mr. Krumm is also one of excellent traits of character and moral force, and being honorable and just in all his dealings he is held in high respect by the citizens of the community.

HOWELL RICHARDS.

Howell Richards, who has devoted his entire life to general farming and is now cultivating a tract of eighty-one acres in Granville township, was born in Newark township, Licking county, May 22, 1858. He is the oldest of a family of eleven children, ten of whom are now living, his parents being Thomas and Rachael (Jones) Richards, of whom mention is made on another page of this volume. No event occurred to vary the usual routine of farm life for him in his youthful days. His time was divided between the work of the fields, the duties of the school room and the pleasures of the playground, and he remained with his parents up to the time of his marriage, receiving practical training in all of the work that falls to the lot of the agriculturist.

It was on the 5th of March, 1885, that Mr. Richards was joined in wedlock to Miss Ida B. Cramer, who was born on the farm on which they now reside, January 9, 1863, her parents being Thomas H. and Sarah (Harris) Cramer. Her father was born on the same farm in March, 1831, and here passed away in June, 1883, at the age of fifty-two years. His wife, a native of Newton township, now resides near Fredonia, this county. The homestead, which is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Richards, has been in possession of the Cramer family since 1803. Thomas H. Cramer was the possessor of a large estate, including several farms, that aggregated about five hundred acres of rich and valuable land, and in addition to tilling the soil he operated threshing machines and also was the owner of saw mills. He was classed with the representative and prominent business men of the community and was very successful in all of his business ventures. He represented one of the oldest pioneer families of the county, his father, William Cramer, having spent his entire life here, a fact which indicates that the family was founded here at an early period, when Indian occupancy had scarcely given way to the settlement of the white people. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cramer there were six children: Ida B., now Mrs. Richards; Margaret A., the wife of Joshua Hankison, a resident farmer of Newton township; William, living in Newark; Rebecca, the wife of George M. Jones of Newark; Charles D., of Granville township; and Nellie G., the wife of George Hartman, living with her mother near Fredonia.

At the time of their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Richards established their home on their present farm. Mr. Richards purchased eighty-one acres of his father-in-law's estate and has since given his undivided attention to the development of his place on which he has made many modern improvements, transforming it into

a valuable and attractive farm. He also conducted a dairy for seven years, selling milk in Granville. For about ten years Mr. Richards operated a threshing machine, but was finally obliged to abandon it on account of his health. He now gives his attention, however, to general farming and stock-raising, and has been agent for a fertilizer for several years.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Richards were born three children: Nora Belle, born August 14, 1886; Irene, January 27, 1888; and Grover C., on the 7th of August, 1892. The family attend the Presbyterian church, in which the parents hold membership. Mr. Richards has been a lifelong advocate of democratic principles and never fails to support his views by his ballot at the time of election. He has served as a school official, being a member of the township board of education for a number of years. He is public spirited and his efforts in behalf of general improvement have been tangible factors in the county's development and upbuilding. He is well known in this part of the state, where his entire life has been passed and where he has an extensive circle of warm friends.

DAVID O. EVANS.

David O. Evans, who throughout his entire life has been connected with the farming interests of this county, was born four miles north of Granville, on Burgh street, October 7, 1862, a son of David and Mary (Thomas) Evans, his father having been born in Cardiganshire, South Wales, on February 22, 1820, and departed this life on the 20th of August, 1864. By his parents, John J. and Sarah Evans, he was brought to the United States in 1833 in company with his brothers, John T. and Morgan, and his sisters, Hannah, Margaret, Mary, Jane and Eleanor. One brother, Thomas, was born in this township. On arriving in this country his father repaired to the state of Ohio and settled three miles north of Granville, in Granville township, this county, where he remained for one year plying his trade as a blacksmith and wagonmaker, and at the expiration of that period removed to Newark township, where he bought a farm which he cultivated, at the same time continuing to work at his trade in association with his sons, who built a blacksmith shop near the old spring and engaged in farming and blacksmithing until their father's death. The farm originally embraced one hundred and ten acres of woodland, and to this tract seventy-five acres were added, so that the farm in all embraced one hundred and eighty-five acres, which, upon Mr. Evans' death, was inherited by his children.

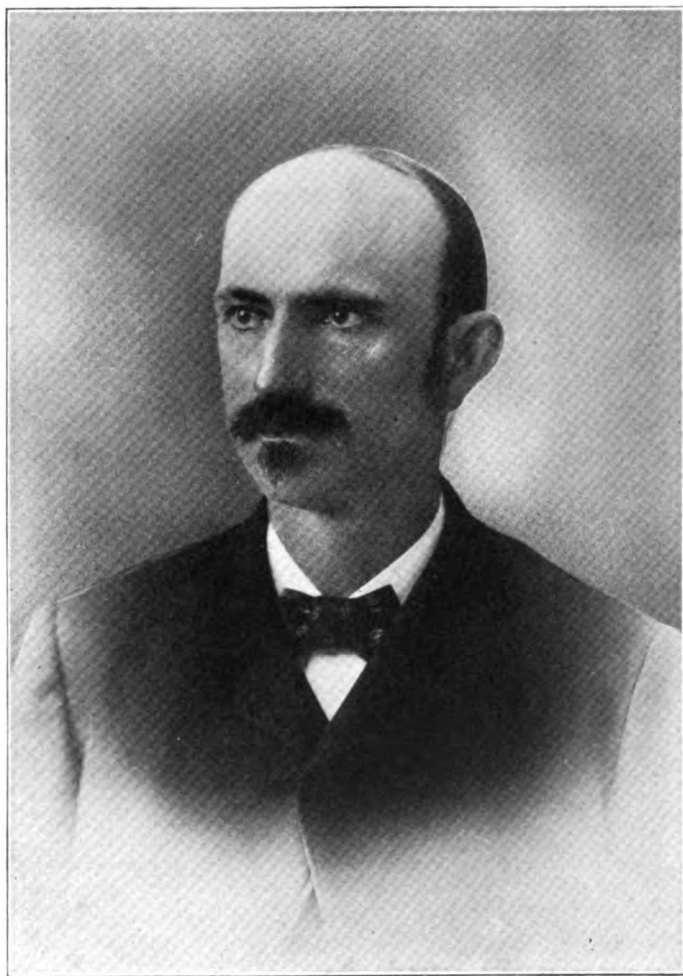
When two years of age David O. Evans was brought by his parents to a farm in Newark township and in April, 1866, his father having passed away, he removed with his mother to another farm in Newark township. On this property he has since resided and has given his time and energies to its development and improvement, as he has cultivated the cereals best adapted to soil and climate. His farm originally contained fifty acres, but later he sold one acre to the township for the erection of the Sharon valley schoolhouse. This farm he purchased from his mother in 1890. Shortly after making the purchase he remodeled the old house, and after the barn had been destroyed by fire in 1895 he built his

present modern barn. In addition to engaging in general farming, producing large crops of hay and grain, he makes a specialty of stock-raising and devotes his attention to that line, particularly to road and draught horses, in the breeding of which his long experience has made him a recognized authority. Aside from breeding and feeding stock he buys and sells a great deal and keeps a boarding stable, in which he has on hand on an average of twelve to sixteen head of horses. Mr. Evans' farm is not large as far as the acreage is concerned, but every inch of ground is put into use and is under cultivation, and by his progressive methods of husbandry he makes his few acres yield him as much as many farms containing twice that amount.

On October 8, 1890, Mr. Evans wedded Katharine Thomas, who is a native of Lima township, where her birth occurred August 12, 1862, and a daughter of Robert J. and Mary (Chadwick) Thomas, her father having been born in Granville township, this county, on May 28, 1830. He now resides in Lima township, this county. His grandfather was among the early settlers of the Welsh hills, where he bought one thousand acres of land, most of which he had under cultivation, and he carried on his back the first bushel of wheat produced in that township to the mill in Zanesville. Mr. and Mrs. Evans reared the following children: Mary L., who was born January 5, 1892, and departed this life three years later; Robert Ellis, born March 6, 1895; Louis N., born August 26, 1896; and Charles Chadwick, whose birth occurred November 30, 1902. In politics Mr. Evans has always given his allegiance to the republican party because a studious examination of its principles has long since convinced him that they are fully and entirely adequate to maintain the permanent peace and financial surety of the nation. While he is not an office seeker and may not be termed an active politician, yet during campaigns he is ambitious to note the success of his party, and uses his vote and influence to securing the election of its candidates. Amid the pressure of his farm duties and other business affairs he never loses sight of his religious obligations, in the observance of which he is ever faithful, and with his wife and family he attends divine services in the Plymouth Congregational church of Newark. He has always appreciated the worth and nobility of an upright life and has always endeavored to so live that he might be of benefit to his fellow-men and to this end he is highly respected by his fellow townsmen and is numbered among the substantial and representative citizens of the community.

JOSEPH PARK DECROW.

Joseph Park Decrow, who for many years has been identified with the agricultural interests of Bennington township, this county, was born in the dwelling in which he now resides on March 19, 1848, a descendant of an English family who settled in the New England states prior to the eighteenth century. The Decrows were a seafaring people and ship-carpenters, the great-grandfather and grandfather having followed that occupation in England. They continued to ply that craft after coming to the new world, settling in the state of Maine. Joseph Park Decrow possesses a relic which was handed down by his ancestors and which



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he highly prizes, not because of its intrinsic worth but by reason of the fact that it is indicative of the partisanship of the male members of his family. It is a ship-carpenter's axe made in Sheffield, England, in the year 1740, and is of a quality of steel which can scarcely be duplicated in this age.

The parents of Joseph P. Decrow, Sr., father of the subject of this review, were born in Lincolnville, Maine, and were united in marriage on December 3, 1832, at a place called Brooks Corners, Bennington township, the town having taken its name after Mrs. Decrow's father, situated not far from where Joseph Park Decrow, Jr., now resides.

Joseph P. Decrow, Sr., came to Licking county, in 1830 and made the journey by way of the Erie canal to Buffalo, New York, thence by lake to Cleveland, Ohio, from which place he went via the Ohio canal to Newark. Two years previous Delilah Brooks, who later became his wife, made the trip to this county with her parents, the entire party coming in wagons and bringing with them all of their household effects and belongings. Early in life Mr. Decrow had learned the ship-carpenter's trade, but was ambitious to become a seafaring man and consequently went as mate on a coast trading vessel. After he had followed the sea for a few years he became a captain, plying his trade for a number of years, during which time he suffered shipwreck off Cape Hatteras, thereby losing his cargo and the members of his crew, barely escaping death himself. This accident did not make him averse to the high seas, however, and he continued coast trading until he suffered a like experience off the shores of Virginia, after which he decided to abandon that business and to settle inland.

About this time he married Delilah Brooks, the exact date being December 3, 1832. She taught school in an old log cabin schoolhouse which was located in the woods not far from where she now resides. The country was practically a wilderness then being thickly covered with forests and from the little log dwelling of her parents to the school building was something over two miles of dense forest. However, in order to assure her safe transit to the school and home again a number of trees were so placed as to mark the pathway and thus prevent her from becoming lost in the forest. Mr. Decrow met his wife in the state of Maine, and it was not long after he had given up the sea before they were united in marriage and settled on a farm in Bennington township. He purchased the land now cultivated by his son for one dollar and a half an acre, and from time to time added to the original purchase until the tract amounted to something over eight hundred acres. When the couple started housekeeping it was in a small log cabin sparsely furnished, their table being formed by pegs driven into the wall upon which a board was placed. The other furniture was as primitive, consisting simply of chairs of a kind seldom seen in these days, then known as peg legs. For some time they dwelt in this humble home until Mr. Decrow, through his knowledge of carpentering, planned and built the house in which his son was born and now lives. As to arrangement and architectural design, it will compare favorably with modern residences and, although it has been standing for sixty-five years, it is in excellent condition, thus showing the careful and substantial workmanship of Mr. Decrow. Among his family were eight children, three of whom attained maturity, namely: Dr. Marion G., deceased, formerly of Newark, Ohio; John Brooks, of Valparaiso, Indiana; and Joseph Park, our subject.

When a mere boy, Joseph Park Decrow assisted his father in the duties of the farm and in clearing off land preparatory to cultivation, in the meantime completing a course of study in the district schools. He continued to assist his father for some time and then went to Newark, where he was employed for about three years. Later he completed a business course at Iron City Commercial College, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and upon his graduation was engaged as bookkeeper for a steamboat supply house, remaining in this position for one year when he was compelled to resign owing to ill health. He then returned to the farm and has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits.

On December 21, 1882, he was united in marriage to Louise K. Simmons, a daughter of John and Mary (Wise) Simmons, a prominent family of Bennington township, and to this union was born one son, Rolla, now assisting his father on the farm. They live in the old Decrow homestead, where Joseph Park Decrow was born and where he has practically spent his entire life. The farm consists of four hundred acres of highly improved land, all under cultivation, well stocked and managed as a successful business enterprise should be. Aside from attending to the affairs of his business, Mr. Decrow has found time to serve the township in a number of useful offices, having been road supervisor and also a member of the school board. In politics he gives his support to the republican party and, although he does not take active interest in politics, he has officiated as a member of the election board, and is intelligently conversant on all party matters. He belongs to the local Grange, in the affairs of which he actively participates, and is a man of noble purpose and excellent qualities of character, thus winning the confidence and respect of the entire community, where his reputation is unsullied and of which he is a valuable citizen.

AARON ZARTMAN.

Aaron Zartman, deceased, who for many years followed agricultural pursuits and stock raising in Newark township, was born here, November 29, 1847, and descended from a family the members of which for many generations have been citizens of the United States, his great-great-great-grandfather, Alexander Zartman, having come from Germany in 1728, locating in Brickerville, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where the great-great-grandfather and great-grandfather were also born and spent their lives in the pursuit of agriculture. His grandfather, Alexander Zartman, a native of Pennsylvania, married Salome Koble. At an early day Andrew Zartman removed to Perry county, this state, where he devoted his energies to farming, and departed this life. The maternal grandparents, Adam and Eve (Fidler) Klingler, also natives of the Keystone state, spent most of their lives in Perry county, Ohio, where they owned large tracts of land devoted to general farming and stock raising.

Joshua Zartman, father of the subject of this review, was a native of Perry county, this state, born near Somerset. At an early day he located here with his wife, Lydia Klingler, and followed the gunsmith's trade, at the same time operating a small farm. Later he removed with his wife to the town of Newark,

where they entered into rest. He followed his trade to within three days of his death. He reared a family of eight children, namely: Alexander, who passed away in his ninth year; Adam, who departed this life when fourteen years of age; Jacob, who died in his thirty-fifth year; Joshua, who resides in this township; Aaron; David, a pharmacist of Butler, Ohio; Elizabeth, the wife of D. E. Stephens, residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Mary Magdalene, the wife of Rev. J. D. Neff, of the Reformed church of Hartville, this state.

In the district schools Aaron Zartman acquired his education, and at the age of nine years removed with his parents to the residence where he spent the rest of his life, with the exception of one year spent in McKean. His farm was located two miles southwest of the courthouse, on the Ohio canal, his premises being particularly valuable by reason of the fact that upon the place is a fine sugar grove. Here during his active career Mr. Zartman engaged in general farming, together with stock-raising. He was interested in natural gas production, his farm being in the natural gas belt and containing two flowing wells. A few years ago he retired from the active duties of the farm and lived retired, enjoying the fruits of his long years of earnest labor. He rented his land, but resided on the farm until his death.

On November 29, 1871, Mr. Zartman was united in marriage to Ida Jones, a native of Newark township, born May 10, 1849, and a daughter of Evan and Ann (Jenkins) Jones, natives of Wales. Her father, who was a blacksmith by trade and who followed that occupation in connection with farming, passed away in Newark township. To Mr. and Mrs. Zartman were born: two children who died in infancy and a daughter, Lydia, the wife of Michael Sachs, a merchant tailor of Newark. Politically Mr. Zartman did not affiliate with any particular party, preferring rather to remain independent. He reserved the right to vote for the man rather than for the party, and as a consequence marked his ballot for such candidates as, in his opinion, were best qualified to serve in the offices they sought. His long life of activity was eminently useful, both in contributing to his own prosperity and the community at large, in which he was held in high respect, being numbered among its representative citizens. He died January 18, 1909.

W. L. SMITH.

W. L. Smith, president and general manager of the Simpson Heater Company, has for eighteen years been connected with this business, during which time he has made steady progress, working his way upward from a humble position until he is now the chief executive officer, with a controlling voice in matters of vital importance to the concern. He is recognized as a strong and forceful business man, wisely using his opportunities and coordinating forces until he produces a harmonious whole.

Mr. Smith is a native of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Knox county on the 13th of June, 1870. His father, James B. Smith, was born in Virginia and came to Knox county in 1866. There he carried on business as a contractor and

builder until 1884, when he removed to Newark and has since been identified with building operations in this city. He married Julia Scott, a native of Licking county, and a daughter of William and Eliza (Cawley) Scott, pioneer residents of this county.

The public schools afforded to W. L. Smith the educational privileges which he enjoyed and which fitted him for the responsibilities of life. After putting aside his text-books he turned his attention to the foundry business, in which he has since been engaged. He has thoroughly mastered every task that has devolved upon him, has become familiar with the trade in every department and is thus able, in a position of executive control, to carefully direct the labors of those who serve under him and produce the best results for the development of the business. For eighteen years he has been with the Simpson Heater Company, his merit and ability recommending him for successive promotions until in 1906, following the death of Mr. Simpson, he was elected president and general manager. This is one of the old firms and extensive industrial enterprises of the city. The business was originally carried on under the name of the Thomas Simpson Foundry for many years, when it was reorganized as the Simpson Heater Company.

In 1902 Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Cora Simpson, a daughter of the late Thomas Simpson, a native of England, who came to Newark and here established the business which now bears his name. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are both widely and favorably known in this part of the state, and their home is the center of a cultured society circle. He is a most enterprising business man, alert and energetic, conducting his affairs in keeping with the modern business spirit, and brooking no obstacle that can be overcome by determined and honorable effort. His labors have brought him gratifying success, and as the head of the Simpson Heater Company he is contributing as well to the material progress and upbuilding of Newark.

CHARLES AARON PENCE.

Charles Aaron Pence has been spoken of as the most popular man in the town of Hebron. This is due to the fact that in the midst of a very busy life he has always found time for those courtesies which are so agreeable to the recipient from the fact that they are the external indication of a kindly spirit and unfeigned interest. Mr. Pence occupies a position in the foremost rank of business men, controlling extensive and important interests. Tireless energy, keen perception and a genius for devising and executing the right thing at the right time, joined to everyday common sense, are his chief characteristics and have constituted the basis of his prosperity. Thus well known as a prominent, prosperous and popular citizen of Hebron, his history cannot fail to prove of great interest to many of our readers.

Mr. Pence was born March 10, 1871, on a farm two and a half miles north of Hebron in Union township. His father was Samuel Aaron Pence, his grandfather, Aaron Pence, and his great-grandfather, David Pence. The last named was a native of Virginia and in 1803 became a resident of Fairfield county, Ohio, where



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he died. There he reared a large family and several of his children almost reached the century mark. His son, Aaron Pence, was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, in 1800 and therefore was only about three years of age when brought by his parents to Ohio, the family home being established at Pleasantville. They were about ten days in making the trip from Zanesville, Ohio, to their objective point in Fairfield county, for no roads had been laid out and they had to cut their way through the forest. David Pence purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land at that time but afterward made additional purchases. For three or four weeks the family continued to live in the moving wagon, at the end of which time David Pence had completed a little cabin home. Indians were far more numerous in the state than the white settlers, for only here and there, principally along the banks of the rivers, had settlement been made. Wild animals were numerous and wild game of all kinds was to be had in abundance. The little homes were heated by fireplaces, over which hung the kettle suspended from the crane. It was amid such pioneer surroundings that Aaron Pence, the grandfather of our subject, was reared and as his years increased he aided more and more largely in the arduous task of developing a new farm. About 1835 he came to Licking county and built the Taylor barn on the Newark and Hebron road. He established his home upon a farm on the Granville road, two and a half miles north of Hebron, and there he continued to spend his remaining days, passing away at the age of eighty-four and a half years. He possessed much natural mechanical ingenuity, could cut stone, lay brick, do carpenter work, hew logs, make coffins and in fact do almost anything in a mechanical line. These qualities were very essential in the pioneers who, remote from the older centers of civilization, had to depend entirely upon their own labors for all that they wished done, as it was almost impossible in those days to secure help, for every one was intent upon the task of establishing a home and developing a place for himself. In his early manhood Aaron Pence wedded Maria Hand, who was born in Union township on the Granville and Hebron road, on a farm of one hundred and forty acres, which later became the home and property of her husband. She died on this farm in 1879 at the age of sixty-five years. She was a daughter of Samuel and Charlotte Hand, natives of Virginia, who in 1805 arrived in Licking county and established their home on the farm where Samuel Aaron Pence now resides. Two years prior to this time Samuel Hand had visited the county and from the government had purchased about eleven hundred acres of land, including the seventy-acre tract which is now the property of Samuel A. Pence and which has never passed out of possession of the family. Samuel Hand cleared a large portion of his extensive purchase and he and his family shared in all of the hardships and privations of pioneer life. They had driven across the country with horse teams and a pony and after reaching their destination their wagon afforded them shelter for about three months. In the meantime Mr. Hand had hewed logs and built a cabin. His possessions consisted of little more than two sheep, two hogs, three hens and one rooster, which he had brought with him. The woods were so dense that they had to clear a space large enough on which to build the cabin and in this work Mr. Hand was assisted by a neighbor, Mr. Lichlitner. Other residents of the neighborhood were Mr. Pratt, Mr. Stone and Mr. Taylor, who also aided in building the cabin. The nearest neighbor was two miles away and the nearest market and postoffice were at Zanesville, twenty-five miles distant. There was plenty game of all kinds and the red men were numerous in

the neighborhood. At one time there were about five hundred Indians encamped near the Hand home, owing to the fact that there was a fine spring on his place from which they secured water. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hand were born eight children: Samuel, James, William, Stephen, John, Maria, Lottie Ann and Eliza.

Samuel Aaron Pence, father of Charles Aaron Pence, was born near Pleasantville, Fairfield county, Ohio, October 12, 1837, and when he was three years of age his parents removed to the farm upon which he has since resided, it having now been his home for almost seventy years. It is a tract of seventy acres on the Granville road, two and a half miles north of Hebron. In addition to agricultural pursuits Samuel A. Pence joined Ambrose Smith in conducting a general mercantile store in Hebron for a year and a half but farming has been his real life work and in the cultivation of his fields he has met with good success. In politics he has been a life-long democrat, casting his first presidential vote for James Buchanan. He has served as both school and road officer and has always been active and influential in affairs of the community, for it is well known that he has always labored for matters of progress and improvement. In 1868 he wedded Mary Ashton, who was born in Granville, Ohio, October 14, 1836, and has always resided in this county. Her parents, Joseph and Harriet (Larimore) Ashton, were natives of Virginia and came to Licking county with their respective parents in pioneer times. The death of Mr. Ashton occurred in 1854 when he was forty-five years of age, while Mrs. Ashton long survived and died June 23, 1894, at the age of eighty-five years, eight months and thirteen days. Their family numbered the following children, namely: Louisa; Harrison; Mrs. Mary Pence; Stephen; Harriet; Joseph; Frances and Frederick, twins; and Henry. Mr. and Mrs. Pence now reside north of Hebron on the old home place, which has been in possession of representatives of the name since it was secured as a claim from the government.

Charles Aaron Pence, an only child, spent the first seven years of his life on the farm where his birth occurred. At the end of that time his grandmother Pence died and his parents removed a quarter of a mile south, where they are now living. Upon that place Charles A. Pence continued to make his home until May, 1902, when he came to Hebron. He had for some years before, however, been identified with commercial interests in the county. In 1891 he began business as a dealer in hay and grain and for over seventeen years extensively and successfully carried on operations alone. On the expiration of that period he admitted C. A. Swisher to a partnership under the firm style of Pence & Swisher and in 1908 they handled over two thousand carloads of hay and grain, buying all over the county and from other dealers. Their shipments in the past year were valued at over two hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars. They conduct the most extensive business of the kind in this portion of the state and make a specialty of dealing in hay. They also conduct a branch business at Millersport, Ohio, where they have an elevator and warerooms. They have an elevator, warerooms and two large hay barns in Hebron, furnishing a capacity for the storage of two hundred carloads of hay, while their elevator has a capacity of about ten thousand bushels of grain. Mr. Pence began baling hay seventeen years ago and has devoted his time and attention to his hay and grain business since. While the extent and importance of their trade relations in this connection place them in a foremost position in the ranks of the leading and successful business men of the county, Mr. Pence is also known in

other associations. He is particularly prominent as a representative of financial interests, having been the founder and organizer of the Hebron Bank Company in 1903, since which time he has acted as its president. His business interests have enjoyed gradual growth and development until they have reached mammoth proportions, constituting a source of large profit.

On the 24th of May, 1891, Mr. Pence was married to Miss Anna Warden, a native of this township and a daughter of Charles and Lillian (Granger) Warden, both of whom reside in Granville township. The former is a son of Hiram Warden, of Newark. Mr. and Mrs. Pence have a daughter, Ruth R. The parents are members of the Licking Baptist church and Mr. Pence is well known in Masonic circles, belonging to Hebron Lodge, No. 116, A. F. & A. M., to the Chapter, Council and Commandery at Newark and to Scioto Consistory at Columbus, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Mystic Shrine. He votes with the democracy and for the past three years has been president of the village council of Hebron. He is interested in all that pertains to the general welfare and opposed to everything that indicates a maladministration of public affairs. His life has been indeed a busy and useful one and his various interests have brought him into important relations with the public. Moreover he deserves great credit for what he has accomplished, for when he started out in life on his own account his cash capital consisted of but twenty dollars. He bought a hay press for two hundred and fifty dollars, going in debt for all of it. It was the first full circle horse press in this part of the county. In those days he would receive from two to three dollars per ton for baling hay. When he bought he had to buy where he could get credit until he got a start. Though the beginning was difficult, he was careful in his business, made judicious investments and therefore suffered no losses. As time passed prosperity attended him and he now ranks among the most prominent business men of this part of the state. In all that he does he is found reliable and upright and through his close conformity to a high standard of commercial ethics enjoys the fullest confidence and respect of his fellowmen. Moreover he is a genial, cordial, courteous gentleman and these qualities have rendered him popular. It is safe to say that no man in the community has more warm and stalwart friends than has Charles A. Pence, now an honored representative of one of the prominent pioneer families of the county.

REES R. JONES.

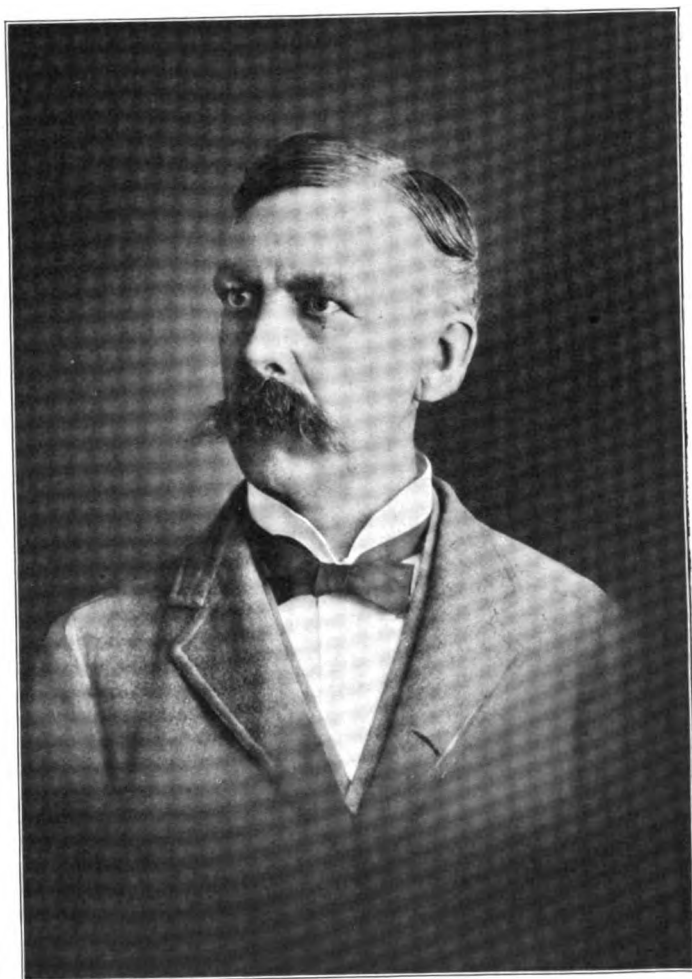
Rees R. Jones, through the faithful performance of each day's duty and the improvement of opportunity, has made steady progress in the business world, and has gained that measure of success which always follows honorable effort intelligently applied. His entire life has been passed in Licking county, and that his record has ever been a commendable one is indicated by the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time. His birth occurred in Mary Ann township on the 15th of July, 1856. His father, John R. Jones, came from the little country of Wales, which has furnished to America a fearless, sturdy band of citizens who have been charac-

terized by reliability in business affairs and loyalty in citizenship. Landing in the United States in June, 1844, he came by canal boat to Newark, and for three years lived in the city, after which he took up his abode upon a tract of land in Mary Ann township and began farming. At the time of the Civil war he espoused the cause of his adopted country, joining the Seventy-sixth Ohio Infantry. He was captured while on active duty and, while still at the front, became ill with typhoid fever and died in the service, when but forty-two years of age. Ere leaving his native land he had married Rachel Davis, also a native of Wales, and unto them were born six children, of whom the eldest and youngest are now deceased.

Rees R. Jones pursued his education in the country schools, but his opportunities in that direction were somewhat limited, owing to the fact of his father's early death, which made it necessary that he and his brothers aid in carrying on the home farm. His youth was a period of earnest and unremitting toil, as he carried on the task of plowing, planting and harvesting and the innumerable duties which constitute the life of the agriculturist. He continued to engage in farm work until twenty-two years of age, when he came to Newark and began clerking in a clothing store. That he was diligent and reliable is indicated in the fact that he remained in the service of D. Ambach for seven years. In the meantime he carefully saved his earnings, and when he felt that his experience and capital justified his embarkation in business on his own account he established a grocery store, which he conducted for two years. On the expiration of that period he became engaged in the clothing business with John H. Moore, but after eighteen months withdrew from that line to accept the appointment of superintendent of the county infirmary. He filled the position for four years and again came to Newark, where he engaged in the coal business. About that time he was elected infirmary director and acted in that capacity for three years. He then turned his attention to real estate and fire insurance, in which lines he still continues, writing a large amount of insurance annually, while at the same time he negotiates many important realty transfers. He also derives a substantial income from a good farm of one hundred and seven acres which he owns in Union township. In October, 1887, Mr. Jones was married to Miss K. E. Turney, a native of Franklin county, and they have one daughter now living, Rachel Louise, but lost three children in infancy. Mr. Jones holds membership relations with the Modern Woodmen, the Eagles and the Maccabees. He has always given his political support to the democratic party and has served as city treasurer and also as alderman-at-large. His official duties have ever been discharged with promptness and fidelity, and in all of life's relations he has commanded the respect of his fellowmen by reason of the fact that he has held to high standards in business and has been most loyal to the ties of friendship and citizenship.

FREDERICK TYLER.

Frederick Tyler, whose high principles, strict integrity and business ability made him one of the foremost citizens of Monroe township, Licking county, was born in Gloucestershire, England, March 19, 1850, a son of Wickham N. and Louisa (Hayes) Tyler. The mother died in England and the father afterward



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came to the new world. The son acquired his education in the parish schools of his native country and in 1870 joined his father who two years before had arrived in the United States. The family home was established in Granville, Ohio, where they remained for a short time and then removed to Johnstown. Wickham N. Tyler was a harness maker by trade and for many years engaged continuously in business in Johnstown.

His son, Frederick Tyler, learned the trade with his father and was engaged in the business in Johnstown for a quarter of a century, establishing a reputation for superior goods and absolutely fair dealing. As a tribute to the honesty of the people of the locality he stated that although doing a very large credit business he practically never lost a dollar by bad accounts. This statement at the same time indicates something of the careful business methods of Mr. Tyler and the fact that his own fair dealing brought a return in kind from his patrons. He figured prominently for twenty-five years in the commercial circles of Johnstown and then retired from merchandising to engage in farming and stock-raising. He also conducted a dairy for about twenty years and at the time of his death was the owner of an excellent and well equipped farm in Monroe township.

On the 29th of April, 1873, Mr. Tyler was united in marriage to Miss Jane Peck, a daughter of Israel H. and Violet (Smith) Peck. They were among the pioneer families of the county, the Pecks coming to Licking county from Nova Scotia in 1815, at which time they purchased land near Johnstown which still remains in possession of their direct descendants. Mr. and Mrs. Tyler became the parents of seven children: Clara M., now the wife of Clyde Moore Ross, cashier of the Citizens Bank; Fannie, the wife of Forest B. Lillie, of Guthrie, Oklahoma; Bessie, the wife of Dr. L. L. Cramer; Blanche, who is the wife of William Harding; Fred H.; John; and Joseph. The sons are still at home on the farm.

In his political views Mr. Tyler was a stalwart republican and took a lively interest in the questions of local and national government. He was a member of the town council and of the board of education for a number of years. He was a charter member of White Cross Lodge, No. 308, K. P., and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. The death of Mr. Tyler occurred January 10, 1909. One of the local papers, in speaking of his demise, said: "Sadness again spread over our city and community when it was learned that Frederick Tyler, one of our most highly respected and noble citizens, had died. Mr. Tyler was possessed with a strong memory, was well read in American and English literature, and his noble traits of character and ability caused even the most skilled in business life to court his counsel and advice. His, indeed, has been a useful life, his force of character and prudent counsel have guarded many against the dangers that line the path of life. All through life he was a man of fixed principles and of the strictest integrity, a man whose word was never doubted or honor questioned,—true to himself, true to his loved ones and true to his God. Beautiful as the slow drooping mellow autumn of a rich glorious summer, nature has fulfilled her work and he is followed to the grave with a blessing, beloved by all. His toils are ended, the warfare finished, his battle won, his crown of glory gained. Sweet is the eternal rest to the way-worn and weary. He was a most companionable man and his deep knowledge of current events always made him a welcome visitor. As a

citizen he was ever deeply interested in all that would tend to the welfare of our community and was always found on the right side. He was honest, honorable and conscientious in all his dealings with his fellowmen. As a husband and father he was affectionate and kind, finding his greatest pleasure in his home with 'wife and bairns.' His love of the beautiful in nature was a passion and the green fields, the bright sunshine, the blue sky, the floating clouds, the wayside flower, the waving fields of grain, the sweet song of the birds spoke a language to him that but few comprehend."

CHARLES W. VAN TASSELL.

Charles W. Van Tassell, who is well known throughout Newark township as a substantial farmer and valuable citizen, was born, July 30, 1861, in Richland township, Fairfield county, Ohio, where he resided until the year 1888, when he located in Licking county and hired out as a farm hand and since that time, through persevering efforts and careful management, has succeeded in amassing sufficient means with which to purchase the farm he now owns and cultivates. His parents, Andrew and Mary (Layman) Van Tassell, were natives of this state and in the year 1890 came to this county, where he followed shoemaking in connection with farming and where both departed this life, after rearing three sons and six daughters, Charles W. being the oldest child.

During his boyhood days Charles W. Van Tassell worked on his father's farm during the summer months and in the winter season attended the district schools, thus acquiring his education. He remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-seven years of age, at which time he settled in this county, where he secured employment on a farm and for a period of four years worked for wages. After his marriage in the year 1893 he rented a farm of his mother-in-law, Mrs. John T. Evans, on which he remained actively engaged in the pursuit of agriculture, also paying some attention to stock-raising until five years ago. He then purchased his present farm, containing sixty-two acres, located on Mount Vernon road, two miles north of the courthouse, the property being highly improved and equipped with a comfortable residence, together with a capacious barn, out-buildings and all the machinery requisite to successfully carry on his work. Mr. Van Tassell raises a great deal of hay, together with various grain crops, and gives some attention to stock-breeding and has some fine specimens of hogs and cattle.

His wife, Margaret E. (Evans) Van Tassell, who was born in this township in 1863, was a daughter of John T. and Ann (Williams) Evans, natives of South Wales. Mr. Evans was born in Cardiganshire, December 22, 1817, and was one of nine children. In company with his parents, John and Sarah Evans, he came to Licking county in the year 1833, settling in Sharon Valley, where he departed this life on September 3, 1882. He followed farming all his life and owned one hundred and sixty-eight acres in Licking county and two hundred acres in Fairfield county, all of which he kept under cultivation. He made a specialty of breeding shorthorn cattle in connection with producing a general line of crops. He was a blacksmith by trade and followed that occupation during his younger

life, giving it up, however, to devote his time to agriculture. Mr. Evans was a republican in politics, and belonged to the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist church, in which he was an active worker, especially along temperance lines. John T. Evans married Ann Williams, who was born February 12, 1823, and came here in August, 1832, with her parents, William and Sarah Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Evans reared the following children: William, Sarah L. and Thomas, all of whom are deceased; Anna J., who wedded Rev. D. A. Evans, of Wayland, Ohio; Elenor, deceased, who was the wife of M. R. Jones; Morgan H., of Delphos, Iowa; William A., deceased; Jemima E., who wedded Glenn Wallace, of Utica, Ohio; Mary H. and Alice, deceased; and Margaret E.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Tassell are the parents of: Oscar K., Frances Gladys and Mary Ann. In politics Mr. Van Tassell has always been affiliated with the democratic party, the principles of which he has thoroughly studied and considers in every respect adequate to subserve the highest interests of the country and effect its financial prosperity and permanent peace. Consequently he is ever ready to do all he can to assist the candidates of the party in securing the offices they seek. He has served the township in a number of useful offices and is now a member of the school board. Among the social organizations with which he is connected is the Tribe of Ben Hur. He is a member of the Plymouth Congregational church of Newark, in which he is an active worker, and is a man of excellent traits of character, endeavoring always to live an exemplary life.

C. A. HATCH, M. D.

Licking county draws her citizenship from all parts of the country. Among the worthy residents that New England has furnished, Dr. C. A. Hatch is numbered. He was born in Milford, New Hampshire, his natal day being July 7, 1852. His father, Charles G. Hatch, was a native of Massachusetts, and when a young man removed to New Hampshire. He married Elizabeth Blanchard, whose father was of French birth, and left France for the United States during the Huguenot troubles. He possessed considerable wealth, and sailed from his native land in his own vessel. Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Hatch began their domestic life in Milford, New Hampshire, where he conducted business as a dealer in carriages until the time of his death, which occurred August 12, 1901, when he was seventy-six years of age. His wife still survives.

Spending his boyhood days under the parental roof, Dr. Hatch was a pupil of the public schools, and there continued his education until he was graduated from the high school of Milford. He afterward matriculated in Dartmouth College, where he pursued a classical course that was completed by his graduation in 1875. He afterward attended medical lectures in the Dartmouth Medical College and also pursued a course of lectures in the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis, being graduated therefrom in March, 1877.

Immediately afterward Dr. Hatch came to Newark, believing that this city would prove a profitable field for professional labor. Here he has since remained in continuous practice within one hundred feet of his present location. He bought

land here and erected the building in which he now has his office. His attention is given to the general practice of medicine and surgery, and his broad knowledge and wide experience well qualify him for the responsible and arduous duties which fall to the lot of the physician. He belongs to the Licking County Medical Society, the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and aside from his practice he has been a director and president of the Home Building Association.

On the 18th of June, 1878, was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Hatch and Miss Annie Grace Barrows, a native of Newark, and a daughter of Dr. Albert Barrows, who was born in Vermont, and for over forty years practiced medicine in this city, where he died in 1903. Dr. and Mrs. Hatch have had two sons. The older, Clark B., is now a physician of Newark, specializing in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He was graduated from Doane Academy, of Granville, Denison University and the Ohio Medical University, and has pursued a special course of study in New York and Philadelphia. He spent one year in the Protestant Hospital, and in his practice has attained excellent success, particularly in the line of his specialty. November 17, 1908, Dr. Clark B. Hatch was married to Goldneita Moe Green, of Johnstown, Ohio, a member of one of the representative families of Licking county, her grandfather, George Green, being one of the founders of Johnstown. The younger son, Albert B., died when but five years of age.

Dr. Hatch is a prominent Mason, belonging to the lodge, chapter, council and commandery. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity. At one time he belonged to the city council, but the demands of his profession leave him little time for active participation in public affairs. He is, however, interested in every plan of improvement for the benefit of the city, and these never seek his aid in vain. He is loyal in friendship, straightforward in business relations and at all times and under all circumstances is loyal to truth, justice and right.

M. W. SWISHER.

The life record of M. W. Swisher is the history of one who has wisely used his opportunities and has gradually worked his way upward in the business world until he is now numbered among the substantial agriculturists of Mary Ann township. His birth occurred in Hardy county, West Virginia, September 30, 1830, his parents being Henry and Sarah (Huffman) Swisher, who were also natives of that county, in which they spent their entire lives.

The subject of this review was reared in Hardy county and his educational opportunities were limited to those offered by the common schools. When seventeen years of age he began working at the carpenter's trade, serving a two-years' apprenticeship without practically any remuneration. He followed his trade in his native county until 1856, when he went to Missouri in company with his wife, having been married in October of that year to Miss Melinda V. Miller. After a period of three years spent in Missouri, during which time he followed both farming and carpentering, he made his way to Muskingum county, Ohio, arriving there in the



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year 1860, with his wife and baby and five dollars in money. At the end of eighteen months he came to Licking county, in 1862, settling on a farm two miles from Newark, and worked at his trade at that place for eight years, walking to the city each morning and walking home again in the evening. As the years have gone by, however, his financial condition has changed decidedly as the result of his own efforts, and as his sons have attained manhood he has been able to give to each of them a farm. His first purchase of land comprised thirty-five acres on Lover's Lane, Newark township. He made this purchase when he came to the county. The place lies just outside the city limits of Newark and for eighteen years he there made his home, after which he bought twenty-five acres adjoining. He also bought ninety-six acres in Licking township and in 1880 he removed to Franklin township, where he had purchased one hundred and twelve acres. In 1895, however, he took up his abode in Licking township, on a place of one hundred acres, which he had purchased there and it remained his home for seven years. He next bought ninety-two and a half acres in Mary Ann township and removed to his present location. His farm here is a well developed property, indicating in its neat and thrifty appearance careful supervision and practical, progressive methods. He has labored earnestly and persistently to achieve the success which he now enjoys and in all his business career his integrity has stood as an unquestioned fact.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Swisher were born two children: Joseph M., deceased; Sarah Elizabeth, the wife of J. C. Anderson, of Newark. His first wife died in 1875 and he married his present wife in 1876. Her name was Susan Wilkin, and this union was blessed with two children: John W., a resident of Mary Ann township; and Ida M., the wife of F. H. Wilkin, a resident of Franklin township. In 1872 Mr. Swisher changed his political allegiance which up to that time had been given to the republican party. Since then he has been a prohibitionist, for he is a stanch advocate of the temperance cause and believes it to be one of the paramount issues before the people today. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and his life in all its relations has been honorable and upright, gaining for him the respect of his fellowmen. In his business he has made substantial progress. He is of a conservative nature, utilizing his opportunities to good advantage and whenever he has made changes in his place of residence he has always built up a good property, adding to the farm that he occupies the modern improvements and accessories known at the present day.

WILLIAM N. FULTON.

Macaulay has said that the history of a country is best told in the lives of its people, and certainly the record of William N. Fulton forms an important chapter in the annals of Newark, for he has promoted and controlled various business interests which have contributed to the substantial upbuilding of the city. A man of great natural ability, his success from the beginning of his residence here has been uniform and rapid and his advancement is attributable to the fact that he has noted and improved opportunities that others have passed by heedlessly, being quick to appreciate that which is worth while and equally quick in discarding that which is non-essential.

Mr. Fulton is a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, born January 23, 1841. His father, Robert Fulton, was a native of the same locality, and the family is of Irish lineage, Abraham Fulton, the great-grandfather of our subject, coming from the north of Ireland to the new world early in the eighteenth century. He was accompanied by his wife, Maragaret Guthrie Fulton, and settled in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where some of their descendants still live. The father came to Licking county in 1843 and took up his abode in Burlington township near Homer. He followed the occupation of farming and was prominent and influential in community affairs. For many years he filled the office of justice of the peace and his decisions, strictly fair and impartial, "won him golden opinions from all sorts of people." He voted with the democracy and his ideas concerning political interests carried weight in the local councils of his party. He married Keziah Newlon, also a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in which state their wedding was celebrated and their wedding journey consisted of their removal to Licking county. Robert Fulton died at the age of fifty-three years, while his wife survived to the ripe old age of eighty-one years. They had two sons, the brother of our subject being Henry H. Fulton, who joined the Twentieth Ohio Infantry and valiantly served until near the end of the war, when he was killed at Goldsboro, North Carolina.

William N. Fulton, reared on the home farm, early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. The country schools afforded him his educational privileges and in early manhood he purchased a farm near Homer, paying for it with his own labor. Later, however, he abandoned the plow and turned his attention to merchandising in Homer, becoming the proprietor of a dry goods store and also establishing a lumber yard there. He prospered in his commercial undertakings and thinking to find a broader field of labor in Newark, he removed to this city in 1873 and began purchasing suburban real estate, directing his energies toward speculative building. He improved much property, erecting at that time thirty houses and in addition to his building operations he engaged in the lumber business. Whatever he has undertaken he has carried forward to successful completion, for he has learned to make good use of his opportunities and has ever based his advancement upon the safe substantial qualities of unfaltering energy and unabating perseverance.

His fellow townsmen recognizing in him a citizen of worth called him to public office, entrusting to him the care of the public funds, when in 1877 they elected him county treasurer. He served for two terms of two years each, which is the law limit, and retired from office, as he had entered it, with the confidence and good will of all.

Mr. Fulton then resumed the pursuits of private life and in 1882, with others, organized the Peoples' National Bank, of which Hon. Gibson A. Atherton was elected president, with Mr. Fulton as vice president. On the death of Mr. Atherton Mr. Fulton succeeded to the presidency and continued as the chief executive officer of that institution for fifteen years, his sound business judgment and discriminating sagacity being strong elements in the success of the bank. During the same period Mr. Fulton was president and Mr. Atherton vice president of the Advocate Printing Company for six or seven years. Mr. Fulton was then reelected to the position of county treasurer and once more served for two terms, making

eight years in all. No other incumbent in the office has served for four terms and the fact that Mr. Fulton was called to the office by popular suffrage four terms was unmistakable evidence of the confidence reposed in him and the ability with which he discharged his duties. In 1902 he organized the Licking County Bank, of which he was elected president, continuing in the position to this writing. While rendering his county efficient public service and conducting important financial interests, Mr. Fulton has at the same time been extensively and successfully engaged in the lumber business as exporter of walnut logs, and has likewise been president of the Pan-American Coal Company. He is a man of resourceful business ability, looking beyond the exigencies of the moment to the possibilities and opportunities of the future and accomplishing what he undertakes by reason of a strong, determined nature and the employment of modern, progressive business methods. Moreover he has ever believed that honesty is the best policy and has shaped his course in accordance with this old and time-tried maxim, his business reputation being unassailable.

In 1866 Mr. Fulton was married to Miss Belle Selby, a native of Homer, Ohio, and a daughter of Milton Selby, who was also born in Licking county, while her grandfather, the Rev. Caleb Selby, was a pioneer Methodist minister of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Fulton have become the parents of eight children: Harry S., now of New York; Maud, who married Dan Bushnell, but both are now deceased; Jane H., now the wife of Henry Buell; Josephine, who married James K. Hamill, of Newark; Anne, the wife of John Holloway, of Kentucky; Florence A., the wife of James R. Fitzgibbon; Robert G., a civil engineer of Sandusky, Ohio; and Grace.

Mr. Fulton is an active and helpful member of the Second Presbyterian church and has served as one of its trustees for over thirty-five years. He is a high-minded gentleman, imbued with the courage of his convictions, holding steadfastly to what he believes to be right, and his name is an honored one in financial and commercial circles.

ROE EMERSON.

Step by step through successive stages of progress Roe Emerson has worked his way upward, and though he started out in life empty-handed, he is today numbered among the prosperous merchants of Newark, controlling a large and profitable business, which is the visible evidence of a life of well directed thrift and energy. A native of this county, he was born in Liberty township July 5, 1851. His paternal grandfather, Stephen Emerson, was the founder of the family in this county, coming from Concord, New Hampshire, in 1817. Here he turned his attention to farming and devoted his remaining days to the tilling of the soil. His son, George Emerson, was the first white child born in Liberty township. Another son, James Monroe Emerson, the father of our subject, was born in St. Albans township, Licking county, April, 1817, soon after the arrival of the family in Ohio. Although reared upon the home farm he learned the carpenter's trade and for many years carried on business as a contractor, builder and undertaker.

He spent his entire life in Liberty township, living and dying within a short distance of the old family homestead, while his brother, George, spent his entire life upon the old home farm on which he was born and on which his parents had taken up their abode only a few months after their arrival in Licking county. Another member of the family, Jasper Emerson, who was the senior of George Monroe Emerson, removed to Iowa in the '50s and there died. His son, Stephen Emerson, a native of Licking county, was the father of the famous author, Willis George Emerson, who has produced a number of popular volumes, including "Smoky God," "Builders," "Buell Hampton" and others.

The father of Roe Emerson died at the age of sixty-five years while sitting at the table at the wedding of his son Mark. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Charity Elizabeth Platt, was a native of Toms River, New Jersey, and came to Licking county with her parents during her early girlhood. She died in 1891.

Roe Emerson was a pupil of the country school and the Johnstown high school through the days of his boyhood and youth, incidentally learning telegraphy, and afterward went to Missouri where he engaged in teaching school, following the profession for three years. He afterward went to Alexandria, where he was employed in the general store of Owen & Beaumont for seven years. At the expiration of that time he came to Newark and secured a position in the Amback Clothing Company's store, where he remained for three years. He afterward spent a year and a half in the employ of Charles Washburn, also a clothier, and then he engaged in business on his own account, purchasing Mr. Washburn's stock in 1887 and started in business on the east side. He afterward removed to the south side and thence came to his present location on the west side. Here he is conducting a good business, enjoying a constantly increasing trade as the result of his fair and honorable dealing, his reasonable prices and his earnest effort to please his patrons.

In May, 1894, Mr. Emerson was married to Miss Emma Kochendorfer, a daughter of F. Kochendorfer, editor of *The German Express* of Newark, and one of the prominent and representative citizens of the county. Mr. Emerson is a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, and is in full sympathy with the beneficent spirit upon which these organizations are based. He gives stalwart support to the republican party, but is not an office seeker. A progressive and patriotic citizen, he is loyal to every movement for the general welfare and his influence is always found on the side of advancement and improvement. The same quality is manifest in his business and at the same time he conforms to a high standard of commercial ethics.

SIMEON IGNATIUS TATHAM.

Simeon Ignatius Tatham, who conducts a lucrative dairy business and at the same time engages in farming in Harrison township, this county, is a native of Muskingum county, Ohio, where his birth occurred February 13, 1866. His parents, Benjamin Franklin and Angeline (Kelly) Tatham, are natives of this state and



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now reside in Granville township, this county. The father came to this county when his son Simeon Ignatius was a little over one year of age and settled in Liberty township on a farm consisting of one hundred and eighty acres. There he pursued general agriculture until a few years ago when he retired from active life. In his family were eight children, namely: Charles E., who wedded Mary Falley, and resides in Union township; Simeon Ignatius; Harvey C., who wedded Hattie Fowl, of Harrison township; Myrtle, widow of Harry Spellman, who is now residing with her parents; Congress J., a telegraph operator at Mineral Siding, who is united in marriage to Mabel Brooks; Abbey, who became the wife of Ollie W. Brown, of Johnstown; and Raymond and Dalton, who reside with their parents.

Simeon I. Tatham acquired his preliminary education in the district schools and subsequently took a normal course in an educational institution at Hanover and later repaired to Springfield, Ohio, where he completed a commercial course. He remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-one years of age, at which period of his life he became clerk in Conrad's Grocery Store, at Newark, Ohio, where he worked for six months and then went into the same business for himself in the eastern portion of that city. After conducting the business for two years he disposed of his interests and entered the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad as a clerk, officiating in that capacity for about one year and a half. At the termination of this time he sold a residence which he owned, situated at the corner of Cedar and Eastern avenues, and with the proceeds purchased a farm of eighty acres on Lowden street. There he resided for three years, engaging in general farming, and upon selling the place, he came to Outville, where he rented his present farm, which consists of two hundred and forty acres. On this farm he remained for about seven years, at the expiration of which period he bought the J. R. Channel farm of seventy acres, on which he erected a four thousand dollar residence—the finest in Harrison township. After two years he sold this and purchased one hundred and twenty-one and a half acres in Union township and in 1905 his present place, which originally contained two hundred and forty acres, seventy acres of which he later disposed of to Dr. Tetherman. On this tract of land Mr. Tatham has been devoting his attention principally to the dairy business and stock feeding. He makes a specialty of breeding and feeding Holsteins and at present has about seventy head of cattle. He has remodeled his home and the other buildings on his place are substantial and modern. Everything about the premises is indicative of thrift and progress and speaks highly for the enterprise and aggressiveness of the owner.

On April 18, 1888, Mr. Tatham wedded Dollie M. Romine, a native of Hanover township and a daughter of John William and Caroline Elizabeth (Reed) Romine. Her parents, natives of Virginia, lived in this county all their married life, he having been the owner of eight hundred acres of valuable land on which he carried on general farming. They had eight children, namely: Minor, who was united in marriage with Sarah Holmes, of this county, who died leaving her husband and one child, Ollie, wife of Emmet Hover; Charles, deceased; Fillmore, who is united in marriage to Miss Ella Baughman, of Muskingum county, Ohio; Alice Florence, deceased, wife of Francis Marion Hayes, of this county; Laura J., who is the wife of V. K. Herendein of this county and has three children, Florence, Benton and Goldie; Leonard S., whose wife, Miss Alma McDonald before her marriage, passed away, leaving her husband and two children, Delbert and Minnie;

Oliver, who wedded Emma Nethers, and resides in this county; and Dollie M., whose birth occurred February 7, 1869. To Mr. and Mrs. Tatham have been born three children: Roe Emerson, who was born December 3, 1889, and passed away September 15 of the same year; Francis Marion, whose birth occurred April 27, 1890, and who departed this life March 4, 1892; and Earl Millard, born June 10, 1893, a student at the high school in Kirkersville.

Mr. Tatham has always voted the democratic ticket, because he believes his party platform embodies those policies which will advance the nation's interests and develop its natural resources, both to the financial welfare of the individual and of the nation at large. Locally he has served the township for seven years in the office of trustee and in 1908 was elected county commissioner by a large majority. He belongs to Lodge No. 704, K. of P., meeting in Alexandria, of which he has been a member for thirteen years; Lodge No. 586, I. O. O. F., meeting at Kirkersville, in which he has passed through the various chairs; and Blue Lodge, No. 404, A. F. & A. M., meeting at Pataskala. He is affiliated with the Baptist church at Kirkersville, of which he is a liberal supporter and, being a man whose life in every respect is upright, he enjoys the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens.

OLIVER PRESCOTT SOOK, M. D.

Newark has many able physicians, men whose ability classes them with the prominent representatives of the profession in Ohio, for they have not only kept up with the general progress of the profession but through original work and investigation have contributed to the sum of valuable knowledge concerning disease and the best methods to check its ravages. Dr. Oliver Prescott Sook holds a position of prestige with the able members of the medical fraternity here. He was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, October 6, 1843, and is descended in the paternal line from German ancestry, his grandfather, Henry Martin Sook, with his brother Peter and his parents, left Germany for the United States, but while en route both the father and mother sickened and died. The two brothers were provided for by the captain, as was the custom in those early days, Henry being apprenticed to a saddler in Baltimore, Maryland, while Peter went to Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. The family name was originally spelled Zook, but Henry M. Zook changed the spelling of his surname to Sook. Many of Peter Zook's descendants are now residents of Perry county, Ohio.

Henry M. Sook, grandfather of Dr. Sook, came to Ohio in pioneer times and figured prominently in the industrial development of the section of the state in which he located. His early service in the employ of the saddler to whom he was apprenticed on reaching America had brought him an expert knowledge of the business, and he became widely known as a most competent manufacturer of saddles and horse collars. Ultimately, however, he gave up that business and turned his attention to the study of homeopathy, becoming a practitioner of that school. He was a pioneer in that field of professional labor when Hahnemann gave to the world the first knowledge of homeopathic principles, and he was also among the first to endorse the teachings of Swedenborg and to espouse the princi-

ples of the republican party. A man of advanced thought and liberal ideas, he stood for progress and improvement, and thus quick to take up new ideas which he believed were valuable factors in the world's advancement.

His son, Dr. Henry L. Sook, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and was a young lad at the time of the removal of the family to Ohio. He, too, became a homeopathic physician and spent the last years of his life in practice in Cuyahoga county. He was everywhere spoken of as a good man, his upright life as well as his professional skill gaining him the warm regard and confidence of those who knew him. He wedded Mary Powell, who was a native of Jefferson county, Ohio, and of Welsh descent.

Dr. Oliver P. Sook pursued his education in Steubenville, Ohio, and took up the study of medicine when seventeen years of age, but in 1864, when twenty years of age, he joined the army in defense of the Union cause. After being mustered out at the close of the war he turned his attention to various business pursuits wherewith he occupied his times and energies for five years. He then resumed preparation for the medical profession and was graduated from the Cleveland Medical College, a homeopathic school, in 1871. The previous year, however, he commenced practice in Newark, where he has since remained, and his ability has made him the peer of the prominent representatives of the profession in this part of the state. He holds membership with the Franklin County Homeopathic Medical Society and has been a close and discriminating student of the science of medicine, so that his labors have been practical forces in the professional work of Newark.

In 1864 Dr. Sook was married to Miss Lois A. Abbott, a native of Cohoes, New York. They have four children: Joseph Rollin, who is a graduate of the Cleveland Medical College, and has also studied in New York and Chicago, being now a successful specialist in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, at Newark; Gertrude R., at home; Mary, the wife of William D. Sauters, of Cleveland; and Helen Olive, now Mrs. Dean, of Cleveland.

Dr. Sook, like his father and grandfather, has endorsed the principles of the Swedenborgian church. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and gives his political support to the republican party, but has neither time nor inclination for public office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his professional duties. He holds to a high standard of professional ethics and in the daily round of his calls his cheerful, hopeful words constitute an element in successful practice as well as does his scientific skill in administering various remedies.

THOMAS McKEAN THOMPSON.

The name of Thomas McKean Thompson is associated with the very beginnings of Licking county's history, and since that time representatives of the name have been active, progressive and loyal citizens of this part of the state, contributing in substantial measure to its growth and progress. Mr. Thompson was born November 30, 1769, in the state of Delaware. This was five years before the opening of the Revolutionary war, and throughout his life he retained vivid recollections of the discussions of the important events of those days. He was

a son of John and Dorothea (McKean) Thompson, who were married in Philadelphia in October, 1758. In their family were six children: Robert, Elizabeth, Ann Dorothea, John, Thomas McKean and William. The subject of this review was the next to the youngest.

He acquired his education throughout the period of strife and subsequently studied law at Wilmington, whence he went to Philadelphia, where he engaged in practice. Becoming a prominent factor in shaping the destinies of the new commonwealth, he was elected secretary of state of Pennsylvania, and removed to Reading, then the capital. His uncle, Governor Thomas McKean, who was one of the signers of the Declaration, went to live with him in that city. Following his retirement from office he removed westward to Steubenville, Ohio, where he resided for a number of years, and then came to Granville, where he lived for a long period, although his last days were spent in Marysville, Ohio, where he died September 15, 1855. He had first visited this county about 1800, and had located a tract of five thousand acres in the southwestern part of McKean township, which was so named in his honor. In 1816 he removed to this tract with his family and about 1830 sold the property to Cornelius Devinney. Subsequently he located on a farm two miles north of Granville, on Burg road, where his grandchildren now reside.

Thomas McKean Thompson was a young man of twenty-eight years when, on the 15th of August, 1798, he wedded Alletta Waters Halstead. Their children were: Robert McKean; Elizabeth Halstead; Ann Dorothea, who became the wife of the Rev. Jacob Little, who for forty years was pastor of the Presbyterian church of Granville; John Elbert; Thomas McKean; and William McKennan. Having lost his first wife, Mr. Thompson was married to Miss Joanna Willett Halstead, a sister of his first wife, and there were three children by that union: Alletta Willett, Susan Mary and Harriett Matilda.

William McKennan Thompson, the youngest son of Thomas McKean Thompson, was born in Steubenville, Ohio, July 14, 1812, and in 1816 came to Granville with his parents, spending the remainder of his life in this county on the Burg street farm. He died at his home, two miles north of Granville, in 1883, after having devoted his time and attention throughout his entire life to the occupation of farming. He had one hundred acres of land here and also one hundred acres in McKean township, and through his energy and diligence he brought his fields into a state of rich fertility and gathered therefrom gratifying annual harvests. In all his business affairs he was reliable and enterprising, and thus his success was well merited.

It was on the 18th of October, 1813, that Mr. Thompson married Miss Sarah E. Dilley, who was born in Orange county, Virginia, in 1821, and died on the Burg street farm, at the age of sixty-nine years. She was a daughter of Richard and Mary (Dwinney) Dilley, also natives of the Old Dominion. The father died in that state and the mother afterward married Deacon Shepardson. In 1832 Miss Sarah E. Dilley came to this county with her grandfather, Cornelius Dwinney. Of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. William McKennan Thompson there were born seven children. Alice, the eldest, is the widow of A. I. Kidder, and resides on the old home place on Burg street. Mr. Kidder was a native of Massachusetts and spent much of his life there as a manufacturer of furniture. His last two years, however, were passed in Granville and on the old Thompson homestead on

Burg street. It is to his widow, Mrs. Kidder, that we are indebted for the material concerning her ancestry, constituting one of the important chapters in the history of this county. The other members of the family are: Arthur Dwinney, a farmer of Granville township, on the Columbus road; Mary Elizabeth, living on the home farm on Burg street; Walter Lowrie, who operates the home farm; Dr. James D. Thompson, of Granville; William McKennan, also living in Granville; and Anna Halstead, the wife of William W. Geach.

JAMES E. THOMAS.

The industrial interests of Newark find a worthy representative in James E. Thomas, who for more than four decades has conducted a foundry business in this city. From a small beginning it has grown to an extensive enterprise, and Mr. Thomas has derived that measure of success which is the well merited reward of his earnest and unremitting labor. A native of Cornwall, England, he was born May 12, 1828, and his parents, John and Eleanor Eva Thomas, were also natives of Cornwall, where both the father and mother spent their entire lives.

The parents were in limited financial circumstances, and because of this condition James E. Thomas had practically no educational advantages in early life. He went to work when but nine years of age, being employed in a foundry, and since that time has continued in the same line of business. His youth was a period of unceasing toil, and he early learned that there is no royal road to wealth, but that success must be gained by persistent, indefatigable effort. Thinking that better opportunities might be obtained in the new world, he came to the United States in 1849 and worked hard and faithfully in several places, always continuing in the foundry business. Sober, industrious, energetic and, moreover, possessed of laudable ambition, he made the most of his opportunities, hoping for the time when he would one day be able to engage in business on his own account.

Mr. Thomas arrived in Newark on the 4th of July, 1855, and became manager for the Newark Machine Company, with which he was connected until the outbreak of the Civil war, when the company passed out of existence, and he went to Pittsburg, where he remained for four years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Newark, and in 1867 established a small foundry. Success came to the new undertaking from the beginning, although the growth of the business has been gradual. As the years have passed he has added to his original plant until he now has an extensive and well equipped foundry, constituting one of the important business concerns of the city. It has been developed along safe, substantial lines and in accordance with modern ideas of trade.

In 1852 Mr. Thomas was married to Miss Emily Lusby, a native of England. They have ten children, all living. Mr. Thomas is prominent in Masonry, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. His political support has long been given to the republican party and for one term he served as a member of the city council, but has never been a politician in the sense of office-seeking. He belongs to the Second Presbyterian church and his life has ever been an honorable, upright one. Nature is kindly to those who do not abuse her laws, and

thus Mr. Thomas has reached the age of eighty years, a vigorous, well preserved man, who daily visits his office and superintends his business affairs. He has made many trips back to Cornwall, but while he has sincere love for the land of his birth, he is in far greater degree attached to the home of his adoption, America, believing there is no place like "the land of the free."

HENRY C. CASE.

Henry C. Case, a substantial farmer and representative citizen of Granville, Harrison township, whose ancestors have been tillers of the soil in this county for more than a century, was born here in the home in which he now resides, October 7, 1838, a son of Philo and Mariette (Page) Case, his father, who was born in the state of Massachusetts, having come to Granville, Ohio, with the Granville colony in 1808. He located in Granville township, but spent the greater part of his life in Harrison township, where he followed agricultural pursuits and departed this life at the advanced age of eighty-three years. His wife, who passed away here in 1890, when eighty-three years old, was a daughter of Nathaniel and Phoebe Page, natives of Vermont, her father having died here at the age of ninety-two years and her mother at about the same age. They were the parents of the following children: Mrs. Luray Ann Carter, living with her brother Henry; and Mrs. Clarissa Stine, Frederick, Mrs. Adelia Evans, Emily and Mrs. Julia Snyder, all deceased; and Henry C.

In the district schools of this township Henry C. Case acquired his education and worked on his father's farm until August 12, 1862, when he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain M. M. Munsen. After serving three years he was honorably discharged in July, 1865. During his military career he was fortunate in maintaining good health, thereby avoiding the inconvenience of confinement in hospitals, and was with his company in all of the engagements in which it participated, among which were Chickamauga, Peach Tree Creek, Bentonville and siege of Atlanta. He also took part in the Atlanta campaign and was with General Sherman in his march to the sea, and at the close of the war he took part in the grand review at Washington, D. C. After receiving his discharge he returned to his farm where he has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He cultivates one hundred and seventy-five acres, which is located in this township, while his home is at Five Corners and, in addition to general farming, he devotes considerable attention to stock breeding, making a specialty of raising sheep, of which he has as fine specimens as there are in the township.

In 1871 he was united in marriage to Mary Jane Page, his cousin, a native of Union township, where her birth occurred September 5, 1842. She is a daughter of Lafayette and Rebecca (Price) Page, who came to this county with their respective parents, the former from Maryland and the latter from Vermont. Both Mr. and Mrs. Page died in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Case are the parents of two sons. Delbert P., born on the home farm August 20, 1873, wedded Mary E. Griffith, daughter of W. W. Griffith. The wife departed this life in August, 1902, leaving



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a daughter, Ruth M., who, with her father, resides with Mr. Case. Charles L., the second son, born on the home farm September 6, 1883, was united in marriage to Elizabeth Cossal and resides with his wife and one child, Mary, in Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Case gives his allegiance to the republican party and for a period of six years served the township as a trustee, and belongs to Beard post, No. 653, G. A. R., at Pataskala. He has made wise use of his younger days and now in his seventy-first year enjoys the fruits of his industry and perseverance.

HON. DANIEL VAN VOORHIS.

The nineteenth century had scarcely entered upon its second decade when Hon. Daniel Van Voorhis became a resident of this part of the state, where he continued to make his home until almost the closing years of the century. He was therefore a witness of the greater part of Ohio's growth and progress. He saw its forests cut down, its streams bridged and its fields cultivated, while in all lines of agricultural, commercial and industrial progress, in intellectual and moral advancement, the work of improvement was carried steadily forward. He was much interested in all that the county accomplished and, more than that, he bore his full share in the work. He was born November 25, 1806, in Carroll township, Washington county, Pennsylvania, and in his early boyhood days accompanied his parents, John and Sarah Van Voorhis, to Muskingum county, Ohio, the family home being established in a log cabin near Nashport, Muskingum county, in April, 1812. John Van Voorhis was a native of Burlington county, New Jersey, born during the period of the Revolutionary war, and when five years of age was taken by his parents to Washington county, Pennsylvania, their home being located three miles west of Monongahela City. In 1805, having two large crops of wheat, for which there was no home market, he had it ground, and on a flat-boat which he built started on the 5th of April for New Orleans with a cargo of flour. He disposed of a part of this while en route, for eight dollars per barrel, and finally reached his destination on the 22d of May, selling both his flour and his boat in the Crescent City, where he celebrated the 4th of July of that year. He then sailed for New York, reaching home on the 28th of August, 1805. On the 12th of December of the same year he wedded Sarah Fry and continued to make his home in Washington county, Pennsylvania, until he started with his family for Muskingum county, Ohio, in 1812. At the time of his death John Van Voorhis was the oldest inhabitant of Licking township and one of the oldest in the county.

Daniel Van Voorhis, the eldest son of John and Sarah Van Voorhis, started to school soon after the arrival of the family in the vicinity of Nashport, the little temple of learning being a log building. The seats were made of split logs, the flat sides being shaved with a drawing-knife, while wooden pins were inserted into auger holes and served as legs for the bench. The floor was made of puncheons and in one end of the room was a large fireplace. School was conducted on the subscription plan, each scholar paying two dollars and a half, and there were about twenty-five in attendance. It was under such difficulties that Daniel Van

Voorhis acquired his education, but his training at farm labor was not meager, and he worked upon his father's farm until about twenty-five years of age. The Ohio canal had then been finished, and he engaged in boating on the canal during a part of the summer of 1831. He did not find the work congenial, however, and in the fall of that year he concluded to open a general store at Nashport. His father agreed that if he would hew the framing timber, haul the logs, have the necessary lumber sawed and quarry the stone for the cellar wall he would furnish the money necessary for the erection of the building and would lend his son all the money he had, which amounted to about eight hundred dollars. The building was completed on the 14th of the following April, and with two hundred dollars of his own and eight hundred dollars borrowed from his father, Daniel Van Voorhis started on horseback for Washington county, Pennsylvania. There he borrowed five hundred dollars from an uncle, and with this sum went to Pittsburg, where he purchased a stock of goods, which he shipped to Nashport by water, and in May opened his store. In April, 1838, he admitted Abel Randall to a partnership, and this relation continued until November, 1843, when they sold out to John W. Thompson.

At that date Mr. Van Voorhis resumed farming, purchasing a large tract of land, and successfully carrying on general agricultural pursuits until April, 1877, when he rented his place and retired from active business cares, thus crowning a youth of labor with an age of ease. After his retirement he made his home in Newark until called to his final rest. His business activity and enterprise had been such that he became one of the substantial citizens of the community, while the integrity of his business methods none questioned.

Moreover, Mr. Van Voorhis figured prominently in other public relations. In October, 1859, he was elected to the Ohio legislature from Muskingum county, on the republican ticket, and served during the sessions of 1860 and 1861. He was a strong supporter of the measures proposed in aid of the government and voted for the bill providing two million dollars to be used in putting down the rebellion. In April, 1873, his fellow townsmen again called him to an important public position by making him a member of the convention which was called to frame a new constitution. The constitution adopted by the convention, however, was not ratified by the people. Mr. Van Voorhis at all times stood loyally for what he believed to be right, and neither fear nor favor could swerve him from a course which his judgment sanctioned.

On the 24th of January, 1834, occurred the marriage of Mr. Van Voorhis and Miss Jane Roberts, a daughter of John and Barbara Roberts, of Falls township. Seven children were born unto them, all of whom reached adult age, while six are still living, John having been accidentally killed at Nashport several years ago. Those who survive are: Mrs. J. G. Stump, of Drenden; Mrs. N. C. Fleming, of Hanover; Mrs. T. M. Taylor and S. F. Van Voorhis, of Newark; Hon. H. C. Van Voorhis; and Fuller Van Voorhis. The wife and mother died April 11, 1871, while Mr. Van Voorhis survived for more than twenty-two years, passing away on the 3d of June, 1893.

A devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church for many years, Mr. Van Voorhis attended the Market Street Baptist church in Janesville, and after his removal to Newark he attended the Baptist church. He was a stalwart champion of intellectual and moral progress and gave valued aid to many movements

along those lines. His friendship for the American Bible Society, Kenyon College, the Ohio Wesleyan University and the Denison University was frequently evidenced in substantial aid. To this work he devoted over ten thousand dollars. His business life was characterized by unfaltering perseverance and the wise utilization of every opportunity that came to him. Thus as the years passed he acquired substantial property interests that brought him a good income. His integrity was ever above question, and in his life he manifested all the sterling traits of an upright, honorable manhood, so that he left to his family an example well worthy of emulation and a memory that remain as a blessed benediction to all who knew him.

SAMUEL KINNEY.

Samuel Kinney, a prominent agriculturist of Newark township, who, through hard and persevering labor, has acquired his present excellent farm, was born in Warren county, New Jersey, November 6, 1812, a son of Jacob and Hester (Andrews) Kinney, both of whom were natives of that state, his father having come to Licking county in 1865, and followed the pursuit of agriculture in this township until he departed this life, in 1873, his wife surviving him by six years. The family traces its ancestry back to colonial days, and his grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, under George Washington. Samuel Kinney was one of a family of eight children, namely: Sarah and Susan, deceased; Margaret, wife of Captain Stedman, of Union township, this county; Barbara, widow of Benjamin Gould, of Indiana; Louise; Emma, who is united in marriage to Hugh Herrick, of Indiana; Lucy, deceased; and Samuel.

In the district schools Samuel Kinney acquired his education and remained at home until he was seventeen years of age, and then learned the miller's trade, at which he worked for three years, but, his health becoming impaired, he was compelled to give up the occupation, upon which he returned to farming. In 1863 he removed to this county, where he hired as a farm hand for one year, at the expiration of which he returned to his native state, where he remained several months, and, in company with his father, came to Licking county, where for a period of fifteen years he worked at agriculture for wages. During that period he had laid by most of his earnings and, being ambitious to pursue life independently, he rented the farm on which he is now located, and by persevering labor within ten years made it a paying proposition and amassed sufficient means to become its owner. It consists of sixty-five acres, which by his own exertions he has highly improved with a comfortable dwelling, barns, outbuildings and machinery, until it is at present as fine a farm as exists in the township. Aside from producing hay and general grain crops, he takes considerable interest in stock-raising, and owns a number of head of the finest breeds.

In 1865 Mr. Kinney wedded Miss Elizabeth Allison, a native of this county, whose parents are deceased, and to the couple were born one son, William J., of this township, and one daughter, Elizabeth, deceased. His wife departed this life in 1867, and in 1881 Mr. Kinney was united in marriage to Miss Rachael Keller,

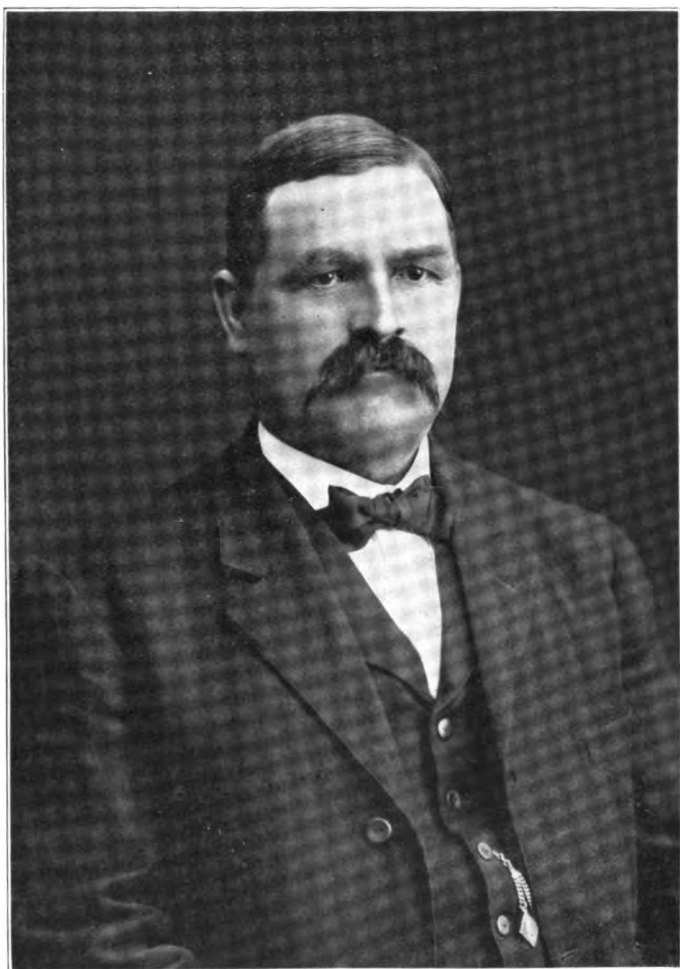
a native of this township, born in 1847, and a daughter of Henry and Anna (Henton) Keller, who reared a family of six children. Mr. and Mrs. Kinney are the parents of: Earl D., Anna Pearl, and Clarence R., all of whom are at home. In politics Mr. Kinney gives his allegiance to the democratic party, and for several years has served the township as a useful member of the school board. He is faithful in observing his religious obligations, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Kinney is a man whose upright life and straightforward dealing have won him the respect of the citizens of the township, and it has been on the strength of his own resources and careful management that he has placed himself in his present comfortable circumstances.

BURTON CAIN.

Burton Cain, well known in commercial circles at Outville, where he conducts a large hay and grain business, descends from a family which for upwards of a century has been identified with the agricultural interests of this county, his grandfather, William Cain, having come here from Ireland at an early date, locating on the farm on which his grandson, Burton, was born. He passed away there at the advanced age of eighty-two years, after having reared the following children; John, Andrew, Isaac, William, Joseph and two daughters.

Isaac Cain was born August 14, 1823, and spent his entire life on the old homestead, containing one hundred and eighty-six acres in Union township, two miles east of Outville on the Black road, the place being known as "Mount Pleasant" farm. He was well known throughout the township for his industry, through which he became quite prosperous, and was accounted among the county's best agriculturists. His good character gave him an excellent reputation throughout the township for his life was always conducted as nearly as possible in harmony with the teachings of Christianity, as set forth in the Presbyterian church, of which he was a member. He was indeed a desirable and worthy citizen, entertaining the confidence and respect of all who knew him. He was twice married, his first wife, Minerva Parkerson, having passed away in 1855, leaving one child, John, who resides in Outville with Burton. His second wife, Mary Condit, was a native of New Jersey, where her birth occurred September 13, 1824. With her parents, Isaac and Jane (Dobbins) Condit, natives of New Jersey, she came to Licking county when thirteen years of age and after a long and useful life passed away February 28, 1901. She was the mother of the following children: George W., a resident of Columbus, Ohio; Burton; Jennie, the wife of William Yearly; Fannie, who became the wife of Frank Wells, of Harrison township; Mattie, who resides with her husband, Charles Nichols, in Westerville, Ohio; and Joseph B., who passed away in infancy.

On the farm on which his father was born and spent his entire life Burton Cain was reared, there familiarizing himself with the various departments of agriculture, and during boyhood acquired his education in the neighboring schools. He remained upon the home place until 1898, when he located in Outville and established himself in the hay and grain business and also in handling live stock, in both enterprises being an extensive buyer and shipper. In connection with his



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business interests here he still owns a part of the old homestead, the farm consisting of ninety acres, and in partnership with his half-brother John, he keeps the property under cultivation and raises general crops and stock, which he handles in connection with his business in the village. He is an enterprising business man and, his volume of trade steadily increasing, the concern of which he is proprietor is one of the most prominent in the commercial circles of Outville.

In 1891 Mr. Cain wedded Mary Alice Turner, a native of Kirkersville, Harrison township, where her birth occurred August 9, 1859. Her parents were Harvey and Elizabeth (Jackson) Turner, her father a native of Perry county and her mother of Delaware county. Mr. Turner, by a former marriage with Sarah Deweese, had one child, Elizabeth Embry, who resides in Kirkersville. The children of his second marriage are: Mary Alice; Katie Embry, a resident of Newark, Ohio; William, who lives in Kirkersville; and Retta, who resides in Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Cain gives his allegiance to the democratic party and, being a public-spirited man, he is always ready and willing to assist in promoting all measures designed for the general improvement of the community. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Red Men, in behalf of which organizations he takes an active interest, and he is a member of the Presbyterian church. His business relations have always been straightforward and, being a man of excellent judgment and careful management, the commercial worth of the enterprise he conducts has added much to the financial standing of the town, in which he is favorably known as a representative and honorable citizen.

DAVID D. GREEN.

It is interesting in this connection to note something of the history of the Rev. David D. Green, whose widow and three children reside at Granville. Rev. David D. Green devoted his life to missionary work in foreign lands and in the west, and his influence was of no restricted order. In fact, his work was a widely felt influence and his memory remains as a blessed benediction to all who knew him. He was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, August 12, 1828. His parents were Isaac and Lettie (Miller) Green, and the influence of his early life and training in a Christian household were manifest throughout his entire career, proving again the truth of the saying of the wise man of old: "Train a child in the way that he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." In his early childhood his parents removed to Chesterville, and after completing his preliminary education he spent a year as a student in the Male Academy, conducted under the auspices of the Presbyterian church. He afterward went to Martinsburg, where he pursued a preparatory course and then entered Jefferson College at Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. In the meantime he had united with the Presbyterian church of Chesterville, Ohio, under the ministry of the Rev. F. A. Shearer, and determining to devote his life to the work of the church he entered the Western Theological Seminary in the fall of 1856, pursuing there a three years' course, which was followed by graduation in the class of 1859. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Richland at Frederickstown, Ohio, and ordained as

a foreign missionary by the same Presbytery at Shelbyville, Ohio. His first field of labor was at Ningpo, China, whither he was sent in 1859, there remaining until the fall of 1866. The first news received at China after he reached that country was concerning the attack of Fort Sumter. He was one hundred and sixty-eight days on the voyage, which was made on a sailing vessel without a stop. Just prior to starting for foreign fields Rev. Green was married to Lydia J. Goodrich, a daughter of Stephen and Sarah (Powell) Goodrich, who came from Simsbury, Hartford county, Connecticut, and located on a farm in Greenville township, Licking county, which is the old homestead, and now owned by Moses Goodrich. On reaching China Rev. and Mrs. Green had a very cordial reception at Shanghai and, as stated, went from there to Ningpo, and in the fall of 1866 to Hangchau. In the former place they lived in a foreign house and in the latter in a native house.

Missionaries are ordinarily in China from one to three years before they begin to do any preaching in the Chinese language. Rev. Green, however, did not wait until he had acquired a sufficient knowledge of the tongue before attempting to do Christian work there. At that time there was considerable foreign shipping at Ningpo and from almost the first Sabbath after his arrival he directed much of his attention to the welfare of the sailors and other foreigners in the settlement. His efforts among this class were not confined to an occasional sermon, for he visited the men in their lodgings, in the hospital and on board their ships. Many individual rescues of fallen people were made by him. Mrs. Green was also most helpful in his work and taught in the boys' school, of which Mr. Green had charge in connection with his preaching. Four of the boys under their care became very able native helpers. While Ningpo and Hangchau were the central points of his labor, Rev. Green did not confine his attention to those places entirely, but traveled from point to point, preaching the gospel and exemplifying in his life the influence of the Christian religion.

While living abroad several children were born unto Rev. and Mrs. Green. William, born August 11, 1861, in Ningpo, died in Teagechau in 1863 and was buried in a cemetery overlooking the China Sea. Sarah Letty, born January 17, 1864, at Ningpo, is now teaching for the fifth year in Wilson College at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. George McCartee, who was born August 20, 1867, has always been an invalid. Mr. and Mrs. Green remained at Hangchau until May, 1869, when they returned to their native land in order to secure more efficient medical treatment for their son George M. They went first to Granville and there on the 31st of August, 1869, a daughter, Laura Caroline, was born. She is now a teacher in the Pennsylvania College for Women at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where she has been located for six years.

In 1870 Rev. Green went as a home missionary to Doniphan, Kansas, where he labored until the time of his death, having charge of the Doniphan and Wathena churches. He died in the former town on September 25, 1872, as he and his wife were preparing to return to China. The family afterward came to Granville, where they have since lived. Rev. Green had retained his connection with the Ningpo Presbytery, for he expected to return and again enter the missionary field of China. He was an earnest student and a devoted servant of the ministry, and died in the triumph of the faith for which he sacrificed so much to

preach. One who was with him at his death said: "The valley had no shadow for him and when his articulation failed in English, his tongue found utterance in the Chinese 'Yong wha,' meaning glory. He not only taught us how to live but how to triumph over death."

Mrs. Green, like her husband, was liberally educated and gave her children good advantages. She was graduated at the Granville Female College and taught there from 1854 until 1859, when she was married. Following the death of her husband she returned with her family to Granville, residing here continuously since. The daughter, Sarah Letty, is a graduate of the Granville Female College and afterward completed the bachelor of science course at Cornell, and is now teaching science. Laura Caroline is also a graduate of Granville Female College and of Wellesley College, where she won the bachelor of arts degree, and she teaches Greek and Latin. The members of the family occupy an enviable position in the social circles where intelligence and character-worth are accepted as passports into good society.

ISRAEL W. WILSON.

Israel W. Wilson, numbered among the veterans of the Civil war and also classed with the representative agriculturists of Granville township, is well known in this county, for he was born here and is a representative of one of the old pioneer families. His birth occurred near the Cross Key Tavern in Madison township, February 19, 1840, his parents being Stewart and Lovina (Cornell) Wilson. His paternal grandparents were Alexander and Catharine (Wilson) Wilson, natives of Pennsylvania, who in the year 1818 left that state and came to Ohio. Mrs. Wilson rode horseback all the way and carried on the horn of the saddle a sprinkling can filled with honey. A bear and her cub, smelling this honey, followed them for some distance, but at length they succeeded in driving the animals away. The first location of the family was at Rushville near Lancaster, Ohio, where they lived for three years, after which they came to Licking county, traveling through the forests all the way to Madison township. Here they located on a tract of land which Alexander Wilson secured from the Stanbury tract. He was led to make this selection from the fact that he found a deer drinking from a spring there and wished to be near a spring, as he had been in Pennsylvania. Both he and his wife remained upon the homestead, which he there developed, throughout their remaining days and were buried on the farm, but in 1866 their remains were removed to Cedar Hill cemetery. The death of the grandfather occurred in 1838, while the grandmother passed away in 1836.

Stewart Wilson was their only child. He was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania in 1809, and was brought by his parents to this county in 1818. He continued to reside upon the old home farm until his death, which occurred when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-six years. His place comprised sixty-five acres of land, which he carefully cultivated and improved and through his farming operations he provided for his family. He married Lovina Cornell, who was born in Richland county, Ohio, in 1815, and died on the old homestead farm.

in 1880. She was a daughter of Gideon and Julia (Lobdel) Cornell, who were natives of Massachusetts and came to Ohio from Granville, that state. They located first near Johnstown in this county and some of the Cornells are still living in that locality. They were connected with Ezra Cornell, the founder of Cornell University, who was a cousin of Gideon Cornell. The maternal grandmother of Mr. Wilson was Julia Lobdel, whose father located on what has since been known as Lobdel Run in St. Albans township in 1805. He located on a quarter section of land, for which he gave forty dollars and his wife's saddle. So wild and unimproved was the district that they had to cut their way through the woods from Zanesville. Indians still lived in the state and everything appeared just as it came from the hand of nature. In the family of Stewart and Lovina (Cornell) Wilson were eight children: Alexander, who served in the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and is now deceased; Mrs. Eliza Jane Simpson, who has also passed away; Mrs. Caroline Patterson, of East Newark; Israel W.; Robert, a twin brother of Kathrine, who served as a member of Company F, Ninety-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and is now deceased; Kathrine, who has also passed away; Leander, living on the old homestead in Madison township; and Mrs. Leanna Montgomery, also deceased. The last two were twins.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Israel W. Wilson until August, 1862, when patriotism constrained him to put aside the work of the farm and give his aid to the government. He donned the blue uniform and became a member of Company F, Ninety-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with his brother Robert. He was in the following engagements: Richmond, Kentucky, August 30, 1862; Siege of Vicksburg, May 18 to July 4, 1863; raid after Marmaduke and Price through Arkansas and Missouri, fall of 1864; Brice's Cross Roads, Mississippi, June 10, 1864; Tupelo, Mississippi, July 12, 1864; Oxford, Mississippi, July 15, 1864; Nashville, December 15-16, 1864; Siege of Mobile, Alabama, March 27 to April 9, 1865; and other skirmishes. Robert Wilson was captured June 10, 1864, and spent ten months in Andersonville prison, undergoing all the hardships of southern prison life. He was in the Sultana disaster, the greatest of its kind in the history of the world. After the explosion, in which sixteen hundred were killed, Robert Wilson hung on to a line in the ice cold water until rescued.

When the war was over Israel W. Wilson returned to his home and soon afterward married. On the 10th of October, 1865, he wedded Miss Mary E. Spellman, who was born in St. Albans township in 1842 and was a daughter of George and Jane (Lansing) Spellman. The father was born in St. Albans township and the mother in Troy, New York. He was a son of Thomas Spellman and a grandson of Timothy Spellman, who was with the colony from Granville, Massachusetts, that came to Ohio in 1805 and founded the town of Granville, Ohio. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have been born five children: Robert Lansing, now living in New York city; Ellen S., the wife of Victor Stark, of St. Albans township; Jane L., the wife of Frank Stark, of St. Albans township, a brother of Victor Stark; Carrie L., the wife of Griffith Jones, of Houston, Texas; and Charles M., of New York city.

Following his marriage Israel W. Wilson took up his abode in Granville township, where he has since lived. He cultivated rented land for a number of years and in 1895 came to his present home adjoining the corporation limits of

Granville, where he is now living retired. He has always taken a lively interest in public affairs, cooperating in many movements for the general good and his fellow townsmen recognize in him a public-spirited citizen who manifests toward his home county and the country at large the same spirit of loyalty which characterized him during his three years' defense of the Union. He has always voted with the republican party, but has never held nor desired office. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and all of his life has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, which finds in him a stalwart adherent, doing all in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence.

JOSEPH RENZ.

Joseph Renz is numbered among the most deserving and highly respected citizens of Newark. He is of sturdy German stock and descends from a family whose members were among the early settlers of this community. He has been an invaluable man to the city, and has not only served with great credit in many municipal and county offices but has also been always solicitous to promote public improvements, and through his efforts much has been added to the appearance of the city, and as well to its financial standing. Mr. Renz is now engaged in the insurance business and conducts agencies for all of the old line companies, at the same time acting as a notary public. He was born in Newark, November 29, 1859, a son of Lawrence Renz, a native of Germany, who emigrated to the United States in 1845, locating in Newark, where he was a well-known and highly esteemed character among the German pioneers. He passed away in 1898, at the advanced age of seventy-six years. Odelia (Minna) Renz, mother of the subject of this sketch, who was also a native of Germany, passed out of this life in 1906, having attained the age of seventy-five years.

In the common schools of Newark, Joseph Renz completed a course of study and later became a student at St. Vincent's, in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He returned to Newark and, in 1878, was appointed a clerk in the county recorder's office, in which position he not only served with great credit to himself, but also with advantage to the community. He increased in popularity and influence, and was subsequently appointed to the office of deputy auditor, the duties of which office he performed with exceptional ability for a period of thirteen years. At the termination of that period he was appointed to a position in the county treasurer's office, where he remained for eight years, having in all served the public creditably for upwards of twenty-five years. He then established himself in the real-estate and insurance business, at the same time entering upon the duties of a notary public. These interests he is now conducting and in them is meeting with remarkable success. Mr. Renz has always been alive to the highest interests of the municipality, and, owing to his many years of experience in public affairs, was made a member of the city board of review. He has been serving in this capacity for the past five years. He is a man of excellent judgment and as well of remarkable administrative ability, being recognized as a valuable man and counsellor in all matters pertaining to city government and public improvements.

In March of the year 1890 he was united in marriage to Laura J. McCamey, a native of Licking county, and daughter of John W. McCamey. Mr. Renz is an active democrat. He has always been an ardent devotee of the principles of the party, and is an influential factor throughout the county during political campaigns. He is a director of the German Life Association and as well a representative of the best fire insurance companies in the United States.

WILLIAM F. PALMER.

William F. Palmer, proprietor of the Shady Nook Farm in Etna township, well deserves mention in this volume by reason of the fact that he is a substantial agriculturist and reliable citizen and that his ancestors were among the early pioneers of the state, devoting their lives to preparing the way for the high state of progress now experienced throughout its counties. His grandfather, Thomas Palmer, was the fifth among the early settlers of Truro township, Franklin county, and that he led an active and eminently useful life is indicated by the fact that a tablet bearing his name has been placed in the Franklin County Memorial Hall. Over a century ago he went from his native state, Maine, to Truro township, arriving there in the year 1805 and entering six hundred acres of land, much of which he cleared, engaging in agricultural pursuits until his death in the year 1824. He was twice married and, by his first wife had five children, among whom were Thomas, Carpenter and William. By his second wife, who was Mary Philbrook, he had two children: Joel, father of the subject of this review; and Hiram, deceased.

Joel Palmer was born in Reynoldsburg, Franklin county, July 17, 1822, and there he resided with his parents until he was twenty-six years of age, in the meantime attending the neighboring schools. He then came to this county, locating on a farm situated on the line between Etna and Lima townships and about five miles from his birthplace. Here he spent his remaining days in the pursuit of agriculture, departing this life in Lima township, August 19, 1905, after having lived continuously in one residence for fifty years. His home was on the township road one mile north of Wagram, and his career was marked by eminent success, inasmuch as he started out in life without either means or influence, but by his perseverance and enterprise finally accumulated a considerable fortune and at his death left a valuable estate. His life was modest and quiet and while he was always willing to assist in movements designed for the betterment of the community he never held public office nor took active part in politics, preferring to live in the retirement and comforts of his home. At his death, which occurred in his eighty-fourth year, he left nine children, all of whom were married and reared families, twenty-two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, and he never attended a funeral of his immediate family, the first one of his near relatives to pass on during his life being a daughter-in-law. His wife, Mrs. Lucinda Palmer, a native of Franklin county, was born October 22, 1824, a daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Rees) Ashbrook, her mother having been a daughter of Jacob Rees and her father a son of Eli Ashbrook, the biography of whose family appears elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Palmer still survives and resides here with her children, namely: Corwin F.,



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a resident of Vermont; William F.; Norman A., who lives in Minnesota; Marion G., on the home place in Lima township; Byron, who departed this life in Ashtabula, Ohio; Myrta A., wife of Frank McLade, of Hebron; Clarence Joel and Clara Lucinda, twins, the former residing in Etna township and the latter widow of Charles Chrysler, living in Franklin county; and Ella A., who with her husband, C. S. Frazier, resides in Muskingum county, Ohio.

On the old homestead William F. Palmer was reared, having the usual experiences common to the country lad during his boyhood days, and acquiring his education in the district schools. He was born in Etna township, October 6, 1850. Remaining on his father's farm until he was married, he then took up similar work independently and has since been engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He owns a farm of one hundred and eighty acres, located on the Etna township line, where he resides, his premises being provided with a magnificent residence and substantial outbuildings, and, as executor, he also has charge of his father's estate, including an adjoining farm of two hundred and fifty acres on which there is an elegant brick residence, the farm being also provided with its own barn and outbuildings. General agriculture commands the attention of Mr. Palmer, and he also engages to some extent in raising and feeding stock.

In 1873 Mr. Palmer wedded Miss Sarah Buckland, a native of Union township, born November 25, 1848, and a daughter of Nelson and Eliza (Winters) Buckland, a biographical sketch of whose family appears in another part of this volume. To this union have been born five children: Cora, who is the wife of Llewellyn Tus-sing, of Franklin county, and has five children—Frederick, Homer, Laura, Ardella and Russell; Lillian, who is at home with her parents; Lee B., a neighboring farmer, who wedded Traverse Deeds, daughter of John J. Deeds, and has one child, Dorothy May; Alta E., at home; and Raymond.

Mr. Palmer has always devoted his attention to the duties of his farm, and, his business affairs being numerous, he has not found time to devote to secret societies, he preferring to spend his leisure with his family and in the retirement of the home circle. However, he and his wife attend divine services at the Licking Baptist church of Union township, of which he is a liberal supporter. His reputation for industry and honesty entitles him to be enumerated among the worthy citizens of his native county.

GEORGE ROSE.

For more than a century the name of Rose has figured conspicuously and honorably on the pages of Licking county's history. At the time when the first settlements were made by the white race in this part of the state the ancestors of George Rose located here and as the years have gone by members of the family have taken an active and helpful part in the work of progress and development. George Rose bore his share in the task of transforming the wilderness into a region of fertility, and the usefulness of his life made his death the occasion of deep and widespread regret. He was born September 4, 1820, in Granville, and was a son of Captain Levi and Polly (Stowe) Rose. The father was a native of Granville, Massachusetts, born about 1777. He was there reared to agricultural

life and followed the occupation of farming throughout the period of his manhood. In 1805 he married Miss Polly Stowe, who was born in Granville Massachusetts, in 1780, and the same year they emigrated westward with the little Massachusetts colony that made their way to Licking county and founded the town of Granville. They located on land now owned by Henry Hobart, on North street, in Granville township, where they remained for six years. In 1811 Captain Rose purchased and removed to the farm now occupied by C. T. Chapin, a son-in-law of William Rose. The following year he enlisted for service in the war of 1812 and became captain of a company. When hostilities had ceased he returned to his farm in Granville township and devoted his remaining days to its development and improvement. The family experienced all of the hardships and privations of pioneer life at a time when the homes of the settlers were little log cabins, when forests were uncut, streams unbridged, and fields uncultivated. There were Indians living in the state, and on a few occasions exhibited active hostility to the white race, but on the whole were peaceable. Wild animals of various kinds were found in the forests, and wild game, including deer, was abundant. As the years went by Captain Rose transformed a portion of the wilderness into a highly improved farm and made his home thereon until his death, which occurred in 1863, his wife surviving until 1865. For several years he filled the office of justice of the peace, and his fair and unbiased decisions "won him golden opinions from all sorts of people." Unto him and his wife were born nine children: William, who was the first white child born of the colony that moved to Granville; Roland; Levi; Betsey; Polly; George; and others who died in childhood.

Reared on the homestead farm, George Rose acquired his education in the old academy of Granville, and in connection with his father he afterward engaged in the salt business in Athens county, Ohio. Later he turned his attention to farming, which he followed until 1857, and during that time lived in the house where occurred the birth of the famous historian, Bancroft. In 1858 he went to Missouri, where he purchased land from the government, and in addition to agricultural pursuits also carried on merchandising at Lamar. Then followed the troublous times of the Civil war, and while bitter sectional feeling was everywhere manifest, his store and home were burned by guerrillas under General Jackson and General Reins. He was taken prisoner and held a captive of war for a time, after which he was given his liberty. Content no longer to remain in a state where hostility was so manifest, Mr. Rose returned to Granville and purchased the old Granville Hotel, which he occupied for about a year. He then purchased Prospect Hill, which he greatly beautified, occupying the property until 1877, when he sold it. He then returned to Missouri to look after his property interests there, and died while in that state, in Barton county, September 27, 1882.

Mr. Rose had been married, July 27, 1854, to Miss Helen Abbott, who was born in 1834, and was a daughter of Hon. Elizur and Clarissa (Munson) Abbott. Her father was born in Wellingford, Connecticut, February 11, 1801, and died in Granville, Ohio, October 4, 1877. He was the eldest of five sons and three daughters, whose parents were Samuel and Lois (Ives) Abbott. He was sixteen years of age when the family removed to Worthington, Ohio. His early education was acquired in the academies of Canton and Hartford, Connecticut, and all

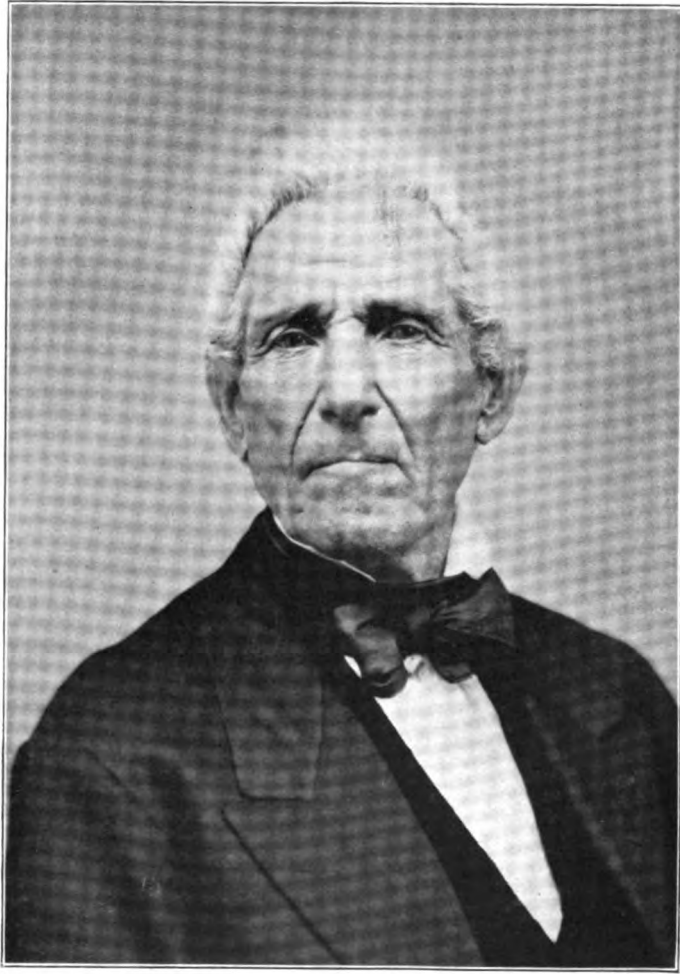
through his life he remained a student, his extensive reading and investigation making him a well-informed man. At twenty-two years of age he wedded Miss Clarissa Munson, daughter of Jesse and Hannah Munson, of Granville, where they afterward took up their abode. In 1833 they removed to Marysville, Ohio, and two years later Mr. Abbott was elected associate judge of Union county by the unanimous vote of the state legislature. About the same time he was chosen an elder in the Presbyterian church at Marysville and thus was closely associated with the material, political and religious development of the community. In 1837 he returned to Granville with his family and made his permanent home here. He was called to various positions of public honor and trust, was elected a member of the board of trustees of the Granville Female College in 1840, and soon afterward was chosen secretary of the board, filling the position for nearly three decades. He then resigned because of failing eyesight. For many years he was connected with the Granville Furnace Company and also with the Granville Bank, and in all business affairs his judgment was regarded as sound and reliable, while his commercial probity remained unsullied. In 1850 he was elected associate judge of Licking county, and capably discharged the duties of the position until it was abolished through the adoption of the new constitution. All through his life he remained active and interested in religious work. At the age of fourteen he became a member of the church, and his habits of thought and his actions were at all times under the directing influence of his religious faith and belief. In 1850 he was chosen a deacon of the Congregational church of Granville, and in 1870, at the time of its reorganization as a Presbyterian church, he was elected one of its elders. For more than thirty years he was a teacher in the Sunday school, and his words of wisdom and truth sank deep into many hearts, and in time brought forth rich harvests in consecrated Christian lives. No trust reposed in Mr. Abbott was ever betrayed in the slightest degree. He was the soul of honorable manhood, and his character was one of rare purity, strength and usefulness. His memory remains as an inspiration to those who knew him and a benediction to all with whom he was associated. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Abbott were the following children: George; Lucius Moore; Lucy; Helen, now Mrs. Rose; Harriet; Mary Ives; all of whom are dead except Mrs. Rose and Lucius M.; and three who died in infancy. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rose four children were born: Fred and Edward, both deceased; Clifford Abbott, of Columbus; and Grace Helen. The last named was educated in the schools of Columbus and in the Ohio State University. She afterward engaged in teaching in a school for the deaf, at Wilkinsburg, and also taught in the state of New York. While teaching in Detroit her health failed, and for the past three years she has been with her mother in Granville. Mrs. Rose, too, has made an excellent record in educational circles, acting as matron at the State School for the Deaf, in Columbus, for twenty years. Her work here has been characterized by the broadest humanitarianism, and has placed her name high on the roll of those who are giving their services to the help of the state's unfortunate people. She was also president of the Granville Historical Society from 1905 until 1908, when she resigned. At the present time she is treasurer.

Mr. Rose was a staunch republican in his political views, espousing the cause of the party on its organization. While many years have come and gone since he passed away, he is yet well remembered in the county as a prominent and

worthy representative of an honored pioneer family and as a man whose genuine personal worth endeared him to all whom knew him. Mrs. Rose is now very widely known in the county, and her work for humanity has been of the utmost importance. Like her husband, she, too, is a representative of one of the old and prominent families, the names of Rose and Abbott being equally honored in this part of the state.

ABRAM R. MILLER.

Abram R. Miller, who for many years conducted the largest stock farm in Harrison township and perhaps in Licking county, and is a well known breeder of trotting horses, is now living retired. He was born on the Walnut Bottom farm, located two miles southeast of Pataskala on the Creek road, where he has always resided, a son of Abraham and Pleasant (Smith) Miller, his father having been a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, where his birth occurred September 6, 1801, and his mother of Brooke county, West Virginia, where she was born July 28, 1800. They came to Ohio and settled on this farm October 18, 1834, having at that time a family of four children, while the same number were born after they took up their residence in Harrison township. Mr. Miller, before his arrival, purchased eight hundred and eighteen acres of land, which he placed under cultivation but later disposed of part of it and devoted his attention particularly to sheep-raising. He kept on hand an average of one thousand head and for many years was recognized as the leading wool grower in the county. He was an active politician and gave his allegiance to the whigs and later to the republicans and during campaigns was always enthusiastic in working for the success of his party. In educational affairs he took a profound interest and was instrumental in adding many improvements to the school system and at one time was trustee of Otterbein University, to which on one occasion he donated a thousand dollars, while at various times he made other contributions. Mr. Miller was an active member of the United Brethren church. He reared a large family as follows: Mary A., an oil, crayon and pencil artist, who died September 2, 1906; John S., who died October 24, 1863, at Westerville, Ohio, after being at Camp Chase, while serving as a soldier of the Civil war, and whose wife, Lizzie Kumler, now deceased, was prominently identified with the United Brethren church and was principal of the female department of Otterbein University; S. Jennie, who died November 1, 1863, a graduate of Westerville College and Otterbein University and principal of Western College at Western, Iowa, and also an accomplished artist; Lizzie, who died October 15, 1908, an artist and a graduate of Granville Female Seminary, who was brought to this farm on her birthday in 1834 and was also buried on the anniversary of her birth; George W., who departed this life September 23, 1839; Marendra, an artist and a graduate of Granville Female Seminary, and the widow of William Richey, of Pennsylvania; H. Clay, a retired farmer and stock dealer and interested in several banks of this county, whose wife, Eliza D. Aldred, departed this life in 1907; and Abram R., who at one time was a teacher of vocal and instrumental music. All the members of the family taught



ABRAHAM MILLER

school at one time or another with the exception of Mary A., John and Clay. Mr. Miller departed this life in the house in which his son Abram now resides, on May 12, 1891, for seventeen years, surviving his wife, who passed away in the same place.

In the district schools Abram R. Miller acquired his earlier education and later attended Otterbein University and Denison University, after which he remained on his father's farm, engaged in agriculture and stock-raising. He has since paid particular attention to the latter and has bred and kept some of the finest trotting horses in the county, among which were: Alert, No. 737, son of Hambletonian, No. 10; Penny Pack, No. 2445, son of Mambrino Pilot, No. 29; Vincenzo, No. 5392, son of Electioneer, No. 125; Question, son of Dictator, No. 113; Moka, No. 31506, son of Wilton. This farm is considered one of the finest for agriculture and particularly for stock raising in the county, owing to its natural facilities and location, being situated on the south fork of Licking creek. Aside from breeding horses Mr. Miller has also given much attention to the breeding of shorthorn cattle and to sheep-raising and has dealt extensively in wool. He lived an active life, devoted to general farming and stock-raising on this farm, until two years ago when he retired and now rents out his farm by the field.

Mr. Miller has supported the republican party all his life and was appointed an alternate delegate to the republican national convention at Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1892. He is a staunch believer in the principles of the party and a careful study of them has long since convinced him of the fact that they contain the secret of the nation's financial welfare and permanent prosperity. For the past twenty-seven years he has been efficiently serving the township as justice of the peace, was assessor for eight years and land appraiser for one term. He is a man of excellent executive ability and business judgment, whose upright character and straightforwardness have always won him the respect of his fellow citizens and have greatly contributed to the success with which he has been attended and the prosperity he now enjoys.

ARTHUR D. THOMPSON.

When the tocsin of war sounded in 1861, men from all parts of the country flocked to the standard of the Union. They came from the counting house, the office, the work shop and the fields, and rallied under the nation's starry banner, determined to preserve the Union intact. Among the number that Licking county sent to the front was Arthur D. Thompson, and in days of peace he has been as loyal to the best interests of the community, manifesting the same fidelity which he displayed when following the old flag on southern battlefields. He was but a boy at the time he joined the army, for his birth occurred May 29, 1846, on the old farm homestead on Burg street, in Granville township. He is a representative of one of the oldest families of this part of the state. More than a century has passed since the first of the name purchased the land which is still in possession of his descendants and is known as the old Thompson homestead. His parents were William M. and Sarah Thompson. Upon the farm Arthur D. Thompson

was reared, working in the fields from the time of early spring planting until crops were harvested in the late autumn. His educational privileges were those offered by the public schools. In the spring of 1862, constrained by a spirit of patriotism, he offered his services to the government and became a member of Company A, Eighty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for three months. He saw service in the Shenandoah valley, was taken prisoner at Harper's Ferry, was then paroled and sent home, for his time of enlistment had expired. In the fall of 1864, however, after being exchanged he reenlisted in the First United States Engineering Corps as a member of Company F, and with that command he fought for about a year, or until the close of the war.

When the country no longer needed his aid Mr. Thompson returned home, and in the spring of 1867 went to Illinois, where he spent a year. He then returned and on the 15th of November, 1868, was married in this county to Miss Emma Louise Piper, who was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 19, 1848, and there resided until her marriage. Her parents were Dr. William A. and Henrietta (Bibbighause) Piper, whose lives were passed in Pennsylvania, where the father engaged in the practice of medicine. The Bibbighause family came from Germany, the father of Mrs. Piper being the Rev. Bibbighause, who was a native of that country, and a clergyman of the German Reformed church. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have been born two daughters and a son: Alice, the wife of H. L. Hale, of Kentucky; Maggie, the wife of Albert H. Dillon, of Indiana; and Walter, at home.

After his marriage Mr. Thompson returned to Illinois, where he lived for thirteen years, and then went to Kentucky, where he remained for six years. He afterward spent twelve or thirteen years in Indiana, and then returned to Licking county, purchasing a farm on Burg street, in Granville township, which he later sold, purchasing his present place on the Columbus road, one mile southwest of Granville. He has here twenty-eight acres of productive land, in the midst of which stands a pleasant and commodious home. He has also owned and operated farms in Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky. His life has been a busy one, and he has many sterling traits of character, is genial, cordial and reliable, and therefore enjoys the warm regard of many friends.

CHARLES H. STIMSON, M. D.

Charles H. Stimson, a prominent and successful medical practitioner at Newark, who is now professor of operative surgery in the College of Medicine and Surgery, was born in Albany, New York, in 1857, a son of Dr. Charles Hopkins and Melissa (Dean) Stimson, the latter of Athens, Ohio. The son devoted his early youth to study and closely applied himself to his school work. His preliminary training was supplemented by a course in the Ohio State University at Athens, where he was graduated in 1876. Determining upon the practice of medicine as his life work, he entered the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1878, and the following year he attended and completed a course in the Bellevue Hospital Medical College of New York city. Fol-

lowing his graduation in the latter institution he accepted the position of house surgeon in the Charity Hospital of New York city, where he remained for eighteen months without pay. The work, however, afforded a large field for experience and thus proved a valuable factor in his preparation for his chosen life work. Returning to Ohio, he located for practice in Newark, where he has remained continuously since and in the lines of both medical and surgical practice he has won distinction through his superior ability. He has been on the surgical staff of the Newark City Hospital since its organization, was for twelve years surgeon for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company and is now professor of operative surgery in the College of Medicine and Surgery. The profession, as well as the general public, acknowledges his ability and accords him the prominence to which his merit justly entitles him.

On the 7th of November, 1889, Dr. Stimson was married to Miss Etta F. Burner, a daughter of J. V. and Catherine Burner, of Newark, Ohio. Dr. and Mrs. Stimson are prominent in the social circles of the city, the hospitality of the most attractive homes of Newark being cordially extended them. The doctor has attained high rank in Masonry, being a Knight Templar and Consistory Mason, and also a member of Aladdin Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is likewise a charter member of Newark Lodge, No. 391, B. P. O. E., and is popular among his brethren of these fraternities by reason of his social qualities aside from any professional relations.

ROBERT B. MUSSELMAN.

Robert B. Musselman, a substantial agriculturist of Newark township, who devotes his attention to general farming on a tract of land of eighty-eight acres, was born in this county, November 26, 1846, a son of Joseph and Lucinda (Wilkin) Musselman, both of whom were natives of Licking county, where they resided until they departed this life, in the years 1893 and 1895, respectively. They reared the following children: Samuel, deceased; Anna, wife of Henry Dorsey, of Licking county; Ollie, who wedded Frank Gray, of this county; and Robert B. The father, at the time of his death, owned one hundred and fifteen acres of land, which he had highly improved. He was a stanch democrat and throughout his life remained loyal to that party, and, being convinced of the fundamental nature of its principles, was enthusiastic during campaigns in working for its success. The family has resided in this county for many years, the paternal grandfather having located here in 1814, where he lived until his death, in 1882, at the advanced age of ninety-seven years, his wife having departed this life when but six years younger.

After acquiring his education in the district schools, Robert B. Musselman remained at home, engaging with his father in agricultural pursuits until he was twenty-seven years of age, when, upon being united in marriage, he rented the old home place for four years. After the expiration of that time he continued renting for twenty-two years, and then purchased the farm in this township which he now has under cultivation. His property is highly improved, the premises

being equipped with a comfortable residence, barns, outbuildings and machinery requisite to the occupation of agriculture, and he has become quite successful in general farming and stock-raising. Aside from taking an interest in general stock-raising, Mr. Musselman gives special attention to raising hogs, of which he has fine specimens. He is a man of remarkable energy and industry, and during the many years he was compelled to rent the property he tilled he resorted to practical economy, and this, reinforced by careful management, enabled him to purchase his present farm, which he maintains by the most advanced methods of agriculture.

Mr. Musselman was united in marriage to Miss Annie I. Yocum, formerly a school teacher of this county, who was born in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, June 22, 1843, the daughter of Richard and Matilda Yocum, natives of the Keystone state. Mrs. Yocum was married a second time, becoming the wife of Tildon Stunt, a native of England, in 1849. In 1850 they came to this county, here remaining until they departed this life, he on October 19, 1869, and she on March 26, 1906. By her first husband Mrs. Yocum had three children: Sarah, deceased; Mary, who makes her home with her brother, Robert B. To the second union were born: George C., Minnie, and Ella, wife of Ora Lucas, all residents of this township; and four children, deceased.

Mr. Musselman and his wife are dutiful in carrying out their religious obligations and are faithful adherents of the Presbyterian church. He is a stanch democrat and has always given his political support to that party and, while he has always been enthusiastic during campaigns in assisting the candidates of his party to secure office, he has never sought political preferment for himself, but has been content with confining his interest and labors to his farm, in the cultivation of which, through his unwearied industry, he has attained a measure of prosperity, which now in his declining years enables him to live comfortably and somewhat withdraw from the active duties of life. He is known throughout the township as a man of moral force who has always endeavored to deal justly with all men and live uprightly, thus winning the respect of the entire community.

SAMUEL F. VAN VOORHIS.

The specific and distinctive office of biography is not to give voice to a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments, but rather to leave the perpetual record establishing his character by the consensus of opinion on the part of his fellowmen. Throughout Licking county Samuel F. Van Voorhis is spoken of in terms of admiration and respect. His life has been so varied in its activity, so honorable in its purposes, so far-reaching and beneficial in its effects, that it has become an integral part of the history of his city, and has also left an impress upon the annals of the state. In no sense a man in public life, he has nevertheless exerted an immeasurable influence on the city of his residence; in business life as a financier; in social circles by reason of a charming personality and unfeigned cordiality; in politics by reason of his public spirit and devotion to the general good; and in those departments of activity which ame-

literate hard conditions of life for the unfortunate, by his benevolence and liberality. He was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, July 26, 1841, and is a son of Daniel and Jane (Roberts) Van Voorhis. The father, a native of Pennsylvania, became a resident of Nashport, Ohio, at the age of six years, and remained a resident of this state until his life's labors were ended. He was for many years one of the most prominent and valued residents of Muskingum and Licking counties, and extended mention is made of him on another page of this work.

Samuel F. Van Voorhis spent the days of his boyhood and youth on the home farm, there continuing until 1865, when he came to Newark. From early boyhood he had assisted in the labors of the fields as his years and strength permitted, and when crops were harvested in the autumn he entered the public schools and therein acquired a good education to serve as the basis for his business success. In the year 1867 he was married, and located on a farm three miles west of the city, his place comprising three hundred and sixty-five acres of rich and productive land, which he still owns. He at first bought two hundred and thirty-five acres, while his wife inherited from her father fifty-seven acres, and Mr. Van Voorhis later purchased an additional tract of seventy acres. For ten years he successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits and then erected his present beautiful residence at No. 141 West Main street in Newark, in 1877, removing into it on the tenth anniversary of his marriage. Here he has now lived for more than thirty-one years. From time to time he has made judicious investment in other property and is now the owner of considerable realty in Newark, from which he derives a substantial annual income. During his residence here he has been well known as a capitalist, while his activity in financial circles has constituted an element in the business progress and development of the city. He was one of the incorporators of the Security Building & Loan Company, which was merged into the Newark Trust Company, of which Mr. Van Voorhis remains a director to the present time. His cooperation has been eagerly sought for the benefit of many public interests as well as in business lines. His opinions always carry weight and his example is a forceful factor in many instances. For fifteen years he has been a member of the Board of Trade, active in its work for the commercial and industrial development of the city. He has also been a director of the Licking County Agricultural Society for a number of years and was its treasurer for several years. No movement or measure calculated to benefit the community in material lines, to promote its charitable work or to advance its intellectual or moral progress seeks his aid in vain. In politics he has always been a stalwart republican, active in the local ranks of the party, and yet the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him. His interest in educational affairs is indicated in the efficient work he has done as a member of the board of trustees of Denison University for about twenty years. As a member of the Baptist church he has contributed generously to its support and been connected with its various activities leading to its growth and the extension of its influence. He has been a deacon of the church for thirty years or longer, is serving on its finance committee, and in August, 1908, was elected moderator of the Scioto Baptist Association. He gives freely to organized charities and also to private benevolent work. He was a trustee of the Licking County Children's Home for many years and was chosen one of its first trustees, serving for a number of years.

Mr. Van Voorhis laid the foundation for a happy home life in his marriage on the 10th of September, 1867, to Miss Mary E. Fulton, who was born in Newark township, February 12, 1846, and is a daughter of John M. and Rebecca (Young) Fulton, both of whom were natives of this county. The father died in 1875, but the mother is still living in Newark at the age of eighty-nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Van Voorhis are the parents of four children: Mabel, the wife of T. E. Brown, of Newark; Helen, who died at the age of five years; J. Fulton, a graduate of Denison University, of the class of 1905, and now engaged in the hardware business at Granville as a member of the firm of Jones & Van Voorhis; and R. Clay, who completed a course in Denison University by graduation with the class of 1906. Such, in brief, is the life history of S. F. Van Voorhis, one of the valued citizens of his native state. He holds friendship inviolable and, as true worth may always win his regard, he has a very extensive circle of friends, his life demonstrating the truth voiced by Ralph Waldo Emerson, that "the way to win a friend is to be one." No plan or movement for the benefit of the city along lines of progress and improvement seeks his aid in vain. The public work that he has done has largely been of a nature that has brought no pecuniary reward and yet has made demand upon his time, his thought and his energies. Opportunities that others have passed by heedlessly he has noted and improved to the betterment of the city. He is extremely modest and unostentatious in manner, but all who know him speak of him in terms of praise.

JOSEPH ATKINSON.

Joseph Atkinson, prominent for many years as a farmer, stock breeder and banker, in Harrison township, is descendant of a family that came to the United States from England in the sixteenth century and numbers among its illustrious representatives Nathan Hale, the famous patriot of colonial days, who said: "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." On the farm on which he now resides, located one-half mile south of Pataskala, Joseph Atkinson was born January 23, 1839, a son of Peabody and Marinda (Elliott) Atkinson, the father having been a native of Boscowen, New Hampshire, born in 1804, and the mother of Canterbury, New Hampshire. Peabody Atkinson came to Licking county in 1830, in company with Abraham Miller and William and Joseph Baird, and in partnership with them purchased twenty-four hundred acres of land at five dollars per acre from William Hogg, who had secured the property from the government. Mr. Atkinson owned one-third of the entire tract, or eight hundred acres, one-half of which he cleared off and put under cultivation. On this farm he spent his entire life, except three years, and built a sawmill on the south fork of Licking creek, near where stands the home of Joseph Atkinson. This mill, which was operated until the year 1865, assisted greatly in the development of the country. While he engaged in general farming, producing large quantities of hay and grain, he made a specialty of raising sheep and dealt extensively in shipping wool, which he sent to various parts of the country. He sold off much of his property but owned four hundred and sixty-five acres of the original tract and seventy-five acres on the Co-



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lumbus road at the time of his death, which was due to injuries sustained by a fall while sacking wool. He was prominent in church work and was elder of the Presbyterian church with which he was affiliated. In politics he was a whig and later a republican, and his son Joseph recalls with interest accompanying him to the polls in the year 1852, when the father cast his vote for Winfield Scott, who was then a candidate for president of the United States. In 1831 Mr. Atkinson returned to New Hampshire, where he was united in marriage, and the same year brought his bride here and located on a farm of sixteen hundred acres near Hebron, where he remained for three years and then located on the farm which he bought in this township. His wife, a daughter of Samuel Elliott, departed this life in 1866. They reared the following family: Mary, who wedded a second cousin, William E. Atkinson, both of whom are deceased; George J., deceased, who for many years was an attorney at Columbus, Ohio, and who served throughout the Civil war in the same company with his brother, Joseph, after which he took up the study of law with Governor Denison; Samuel Peabody, who is in the marble business in Champaign, Illinois; and Joseph.

In the district schools of this township Joseph Atkinson acquired his early education, and afterwards attended Denison University. He then actively engaged in agricultural pursuits on his father's farm and has since resided there, having under cultivation something over four hundred acres, located in the southwest corner of Harrison township on the creek road, his property being known as the Woolworth Farm. The farm is well improved, being provided with a comfortable residence, barns, outbuildings, and the machinery necessary for successfully pursuing his work. For many years Mr. Atkinson, in association with his father, engaged in general farming, and also made a specialty of sheep raising and carrying on an extensive wool enterprise. However, since the death of his father Mr. Atkinson has considerably curtailed his interests, now devoting his time to general farming and stock-raising on a small scale and in addition carries on a dairy business and ships his products to Columbus, Ohio. Aside from caring for the interests of his farm he is concerned in a number of financial enterprises, and has been president of the People's Bank of Pataskala since its organization, was president of the Pataskala Banking Company for fourteen years and is also a stockholder in the Millersport Bank, the institutions with which he is connected being in high financial standing throughout the state.

In 1872 Mr. Atkinson wedded Julia Ewing, a daughter of Dr. James Ewing, her birth having occurred in Hebron, Ohio, in 1849, and the couple reared the following family: Charles, who resides in Pataskala with his wife, formerly Miss Amy Coons; Florence, who wedded George Newkirk, of Detroit, Michigan; Frank Peabody, a physician of Millersport, Ohio, who was united in marriage to Miss Farice Klink; Joseph Bernard, who wedded Miss Grace Sutherland and manages the farm for his father; Harry C., a chemist of Columbus, Ohio; James E.; and Carlton C., a graduate of Wooster University.

Mr. Atkinson has been a lifelong republican, voted for Abraham Lincoln in 1860 and has since been loyal in his support of the presidential candidates of his party. In this county he has been very prominent in political circles and received nominations at various times for county offices but, his party being in the minority, he has never been successful in securing election. He has also served as delegate to a number of state conventions. In 1864 he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred

Thirty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as second lieutenant under Captain Beard, and was honorably discharged five months later. He is now a member of Baird Post No. 653, G. A. R., of Pataskala. Mr. Atkinson belongs to the Presbyterian church, of which for many years he has been a faithful member and of which he is now an elder. He is a man of high moral character, enjoying the respect of the entire community and, having industriously applied himself during his younger days, he is now in a position which enables him to leisurely enjoy somewhat of life's comforts after a long life of unremitting energy and honest endeavor.

HENRY GIESECK.

In a history of the agricultural development of Licking county mention should be made of Henry Gieseck, who, for many years, was closely associated with the farming interests of Lima township and was also known as a practical and progressive agriculturist. He was born in the district of Hildesheim, Hanover, Germany, November 25, 1829, and his life record covered the intervening years to the 5th of August, 1888, when he passed away in Arkansas. The days of his boyhood and youth were spent in the fatherland and then, hearing favorable reports concerning the business conditions and opportunities in the new world, he sailed for the United States, landing on American shores on the 2d of June, 1852. He was entirely without capital but he possessed a stout heart and willing hands and with these to serve as a ground work for success he continued steadily on, year after year, until he laid the foundation for a comfortable fortune. He was employed as a section boss on the Central Ohio Railroad, at Columbus, at the time he was married. He wedded Fredericka Krumm, who was born in Franklin county, Ohio, November 3, 1836, and is a daughter of Martin and Mary (Younger) Krumm, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume, in connection with the sketch of Philip Krumm.

For some time after his marriage Mr. Gieseck continued to work on the railroad and was road master when he finally severed his connection with railroad interests. He carefully saved his earnings as the years passed until his capital was sufficient to enable him to purchase a farm and in March, 1863, he brought his family to the place in Lima township upon which his widow now resides. It is pleasantly and conveniently located about a mile and a half north of Wagram. He first bought ninety acres and with characteristic energy began its development and improvement. As the years passed he added to this until he was the owner of about five hundred acres of rich and productive land, which responded readily to the care and labor he bestowed upon it. He built a fine brick dwelling in 1874 and from time to time added other substantial buildings, until his farm was well equipped with all the barns and outbuildings necessary for the shelter of grain and stock. He used the latest improved machinery in tilling his fields and everything about his place indicated his progressive spirit and practical methods. A part of the home place was timber land when he took possession of it and he had a saw mill built, cut down the trees and sawed up the timber. He also at one time had a tile factory on his farm and operated it for a number of years.

He also superintended the work of furnishing timber to the railroad, cut out ties for the building and repair of the road and also wood for the engines, for at that day such fuel was used in the locomotives. He lived a life of intense and well-directed activity, working earnestly year after year to provide a comfortable living for his family, until he became one of the substantial agriculturalists and successful business men of Licking county. Prior to his death he divided his land among his children. In the latter years of his life he purchased a large tract of timber land in Arkansas and with his son, Charles, went to that place. They took with them a saw mill outfit, it being the father's idea to set his son up in business there. They arrived in Arkansas in October, 1887, and on the 5th of August, 1888, the father passed away, while on the 18th of January, 1889, the son, Charles, died, being at that time twenty-four years of age, his birth having occurred on the 24th of February, 1865.

Mr. and Mrs. Gieseck were the parents of six children: William Henry, who died leaving a wife and six children; David L., who passed away leaving a wife and two children; Franklin J., who died leaving a wife and nine children; Christiana, the wife of Ross Robinett, of Lima township, by whom she has four children; Henrietta Josephine, the wife of Doss Wickliff of Lima township, by whom she has four children; Charles, who died in Arkansas.

Mrs. Gieseck retains the old home, which her husband erected, together with forty acres of land surrounding it. Mr. Gieseck took an active interest in local politics and held a number of the township offices, giving his political support to the republican party. He was reared in the Lutheran church and was always a man of upright principles, who never infringed on the privileges of others nor was known to take advantage of another in business transactions. He is yet remembered by many who knew him and who valued his friendship while he was still an active factor in the affairs of life.

FRANK C. BARTHOLOMEW.

Frank C. Bartholomew, passenger agent for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Newark, was born July 20, 1871, in the city where he still resides, his parents being Lewis D. and Cornelia (Smucker) Bartholomew. The father was born near Lancaster, Ohio, and in his boyhood days came to this county with his father, Charles Bartholomew, who settled in Newark when it was a small and unimportant town, while the surrounding country gave every evidence of being a frontier district. Entering the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, L. D. Bartholomew gradually worked his way upward, and for thirty-two years remained as a trusted employe, occupying the position of passenger agent here at the time of his death, which occurred July 7, 1899. His wife was born in Newark, and was a daughter of Andrew Smucker, a pioneer settler and a member of a very prominent family. She died May 3, 1902.

While spending his boyhood days under the parental roof, Frank C. Bartholomew pursued his education in the graded and high schools of Newark. He then entered the Baltimore & Ohio railroad service as assistant passenger agent under

his father, whom he succeeded at the latter's death, having now filled the position for ten years. His connection with railroad service throughout his entire business career indicates in unmistakable terms his trustworthiness and fidelity.

Mr. Bartholomew is the secretary of the Licking Oil & Gas Company, treasurer of the Central Railway Club and a prominent member of the order. He also belongs to Acme Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Pleasantly situated in his home life, he was married August 6, 1902, to Miss Geitrude Goldsborough, a native of Bradford, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of J. R. Goldsborough, who came to Newark to organize the Newark Iron & Steel Company. He was well known among the oil people of Pennsylvania and was a prominent business man. Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew have two children: Thomas Hayward, born May 31, 1906, and William West, December 1, 1907. The parents are Episcopalians in their religious faith and are well known socially in Newark, having a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance. Mr. Bartholomew has proved a popular and efficient officer in railroad circles and has gained high regard by reason of his uniform courtesy and obliging spirit.

GEORGE E. GARLINGHOUSE.

George E. Garlinghouse is a prominent representative of the farming and stock-raising interests of Monroe township. His success, especially in the raising of fine stock, has largely made him an authority on the questions pertaining thereto and he is justly classed with the prominent agriculturists of the community. A native of the state of Iowa, he was born June 4, 1858, of the marriage of William and Elizabeth (Huff) Garlinghouse. In 1862 his father joined the Oregon emigrants and in the same year the mother removed with her family to Delaware county, Ohio, where she remained.

George E. Garlinghouse in his boyhood days engaged in such work as he could find to do, mainly assisting in the labors of the farm. He secured his education in the district schools and in the school of experience has learned many valuable and practical lessons. On the 3d of July, 1877, he was united in marriage to Miss Callie Knorr, a daughter of Christian and Rose (Brown) Knorr, who came to Ohio from Germany when young people and settled in Delaware county, this state, where the father engaged in general farming. Three children have blessed the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Garlinghouse: Florence, now the wife of Ray Adams, a resident of Columbus; Glen and Rose E., who are at home.

Following his marriage Mr. Garlinghouse engaged in farming in Delaware county until 1885, when he purchased the farm upon which he now lives in Monroe township, Licking county. Here he has since devoted his time and energies to the cultivation of the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also to stock—this class is more than local. In 1901 he gained wide reputation by entering a yearling French draft mare in the general sweepstakes class at the Ohio State Fair. This class was open to all breeds and ages—any animal could be entered—but among a large number of entries the yearling French draft mare of Mr. Gar-



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linghouse won first prize. Subsequently the same animal took six other prizes in the general sweep-stakes contest. Mr. Garlinghouse has also bred and raised other high-grade horses and the sales of his stock have brought him a most gratifying income. In all of his business affairs he is energetic, determined and reliable, and moreover, he has a genius for devising the right thing at the right time, joined to every-day common-sense, which is too often a factor lacking in the business development of man.

Always a progressive man, Mr. Garlinghouse has been an advocate of good roads and other public improvements. He was the first man in Licking county to circulate a petition for the improvement of roads under the law of 1900. This petition asked for the improvement of Sunbury and Johnstown road, better known as "the Garlinghouse pike," and the same is now under construction and will be completed within the year 1909. It is a graded road, with crushed lime stone dressing, and is a fine specimen of road building. Mr. Garlinghouse is now acting as superintendent of construction under appointment of the county commissioners and the county surveyor. He has, furthermore, been a member of the school board for several years and the cause of education has found in him a helpful and stalwart champion. He is now serving his second term as township trustee and in all public positions is found loyal to the trust reposed in him, his record being a most commendable one. He is a member of the Johnstown lodge K. P., gives his political allegiance to the democracy, belongs to the Methodist church and is an active and influential citizen in every way.

EARLY REMINISCENCES OF HENRY A. MONTGOMERY.

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My earliest recollection is of being told to stand on a mound of earth in front of my father's house and halloo my loudest for Adams for the benefit of some of our neighbors, who were on their way to vote for Andrew Jackson. This was in the fall of 1828; John Quincy Adams was a candidate for a second term as president of the United States, and it was the first election in which a decided spirit of partizanship was shown—the whig and the democratic parties becoming distinct political bodies at that time.

As an older boy, I was greatly interested in and made every effort to be present on "muster" days. The men of each township formed themselves into companies, officers were chosen, and on the appointed days they came together to drill. County musters were called when all the townships joined their forces, making, as it seemed to my boyish fancy, a most imposing sight. I recollect, also, seeing a state muster which was held in that portion of Newark west of North Fifth street and north of West Church, all a common at that time.

It was on one of these muster days that, as I stood about with my boyish companions, I saw a coin in the dust. It proved to be a silver piece. I considered

myself lucky and at once decided I should go to an animal show that was soon to come to Newark. Thinking to put my money in a safe place, I pushed it between the logs of our spring house. On the day of the show, it was necessary for brother Charlie to use the ax in order to recover it for me. The show grounds were at that time where now stands the Hotel Sherwood.

A log school house, near my birthplace, the Reid farm on the Mary Ann Furnace road, was the first school to enroll me among its student body. The general make-up of this crude structure was in keeping with the rugged times. The windows were of greased paper, the seats were heavy, hewn slabs of wood; holes were bored into the log beneath the greased paper windows and in these holes large wooden pegs were inserted with slightly downward slant, while on these pegs other slabs were laid, which served as a place for the practice of writing, to which a large portion of the time was given, good penmanship being a much coveted accomplishment. Pens, at that time, were manufactured from the quills of the goose, the ink was a home manufacture of maple bark boiled with gun powder. Red ink was as easily made by extracting the juice from the pokeberry.

I studied arithmetic and geography and spelling from a Webster spelling book. I first learned to read from a little primer, then my reading was from the New Testament almost entirely. When somewhat older I had a book called the "Columbian Orator," which was a compilation of extracts from the speeches of the prominent patriots of the revolutionary period.

Township schools were open three or four months in the year, during the winter season; subscription schools were supported by those who were ambitious for better opportunities for their children and these were often held during the summer for the younger children. The teacher boarded about among the subscribers, the more children in the family, the longer the stay of the teacher; he was with us a large portion of the school term. The teacher of that day was stern and relentless; he flogged unsparingly for all classes of offenses. One winter I attended school in a log building where now stands the Weiant country home; we were taught by a Mr. Hughes from Hughesville, Virginia, who was a student of Denison College and had accepted the short term of the district school as a means of assisting him in his college course. He was an excellent teacher and the one from whom I am certain I learned the most. Another teacher, who left behind him the kindest recollections, was a Mr. Westervelt, a theological student from Oberlin, of whom I last heard in Iowa. These two were of irreproachable character, a virtue I can scarcely attribute to every teacher whose school I attended; their Monday morning dispositions testifying to the intemperance of the day before.

The Ohio canal and the boats on it were the never ending source of interest. It must have been between the years 1830 and 1835 that ex-President John Quincy Adams came to Newark to lecture on "Education." He came by stage to Portsmouth and by canal to Hebron, where he was met by a number of Newark citizens, and by them escorted on canal boat to Newark. His lecture was delivered in the First Presbyterian church.

Passenger packets on the canal were lightly built, prettily painted, carpeted and furnished. The horses towing them went at a trot and were changed at a distance of each ten miles. In pleasant weather the passengers rode on deck and as there was no smoke, cinders or dust, it made a very nice, clean way to travel,

and was at once recognized as having many advantages over stage coach travel. The Zoarite settlement at Zoar, Ohio, was often the objective point of the many people wishing to make a canal trip; comfortable provision could there be made for a stay of several days, so that was an excursion often made.

When I was fourteen, my father talked strongly of apprenticing me to John I. Mooney, an excellent cabinet-maker of Newark. Many splendid pieces of furniture of his construction are owned in and about Newark today. However, there was much that a boy of my age could do on a farm, so father kept me with him while—

“He cut, he logged, he cleared his lot,
And into many a dismal spot
He let the light of day.”

I recall very distinctly one day in September, when I was about fifteen, John and I were returning from brother Sam's, at Johnstown, where we had been sent on an errand. They had put something like a half bushel of turnips in the wagon for us to bring home. When we arrived in Newark, school had just been dismissed in the building which stood in the rear of the First Presbyterian church. As the boys rushed out, we recognized Dan and Will Darlington. We knew them well, as they often had visited us. We therefore gave each a turnip. I've looked upon scraped turnip as well worth eating. With that, the rest of the boys demanded turnips. We knew that we hadn't enough for them and have any left to take home, so we drove off. Then they began to pelt us with stones. That made me mad, so I got down from the wagon and ran every one of them into a yard around the old brick house that stood on the present site of the John Swisher home. I dared any one of them to come out, but they did not venture.

The following spring, brothers Clark, John and I went to the reservoir, now known as Buckeye lake. We drove there in a big wagon hitched to two horses. Two other young fellows joined us at Newark. We reached our destination in the afternoon and at once started to try our luck, the Newark boys for frogs, we for fish. It was not long before we had nearly filled the tub we had brought with us with cleaned fish. We placed it under the wagon and went away some distance to try another place. Upon our return we found, to our dismay, that some hogs had made their appearance and eaten all our fish. We regretted having placed the tub under the wagon rather than in it. I was discouraged, but John, having greater patience, set about catching more, so that we had a few to take home, after all. That happened sixty-four years ago, and I did not again visit the reservoir until within the last four years. Upon my first visit the canal portion only was free from timber.

A great many of the early settlers in the country east of Newark had emigrated from Virginia. My father came with his brother Henry and their father from Staunton in 1810. Through the third brother, Samuel, who was a circuit preacher of the Baltimore conference, traveling in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia, Henry had heard of the Grimes family of Greenbrier, Virginia. Having laid his plans to go west with his father and brother, Henry started in advance of the wagons, his purpose being to visit the Grimes family. He traveled on horseback, following the emigrant road to the source of the Greenbrier river, where he turned into a mountain bridle path which brought him, after a hundred-mile

journey, to the home of Felix and Catherine Grimes, where he presented an introductory letter from his brother Samuel, their pastor. They looked upon him favorably and he was able to persuade Mary, the second daughter, to become his wife and journey with him to share the trials and perils of a home on the frontier. Both on horseback, her dower of household goods in pack saddles, they returned the way he had come, two of her brothers accompanying them to drive her four cows. They met my father and grandfather, and then together the four took up their journey over the Alleghenies, crossing the Ohio river at Marietta, following the Muskingum to Zanesville, and the Licking to Newark, then but a very small village. They had expected to continue up the North Fork of the Licking to where Utica now stands, as they had friends there who had preceded them from Virginia, but finding the stream swollen and learning that corn was scarce there, they decided for the time to rent a log cabin of Mr. John Channel, on the south side of the Licking.

There we can picture this brave woman in her new home, meeting its discomforts and privations with true pioneer spirit. Fortune, however, favored their efforts, and at the end of three years, with the combined accumulation of the father and two sons, a tract of land was purchased on the Bowling Green, four miles east of Newark.

The year preceding war had been declared against the British, and news of it came as regularly as the irregular mail service would permit. The greatest anxiety was felt for fear of Indian raids, as reports had reached them of their depredations at Fort Dearborn. It was my delight, as a small boy, to have father tell how he removed the clapboard on the roof of their cabin and kept his gun by his head, thinking in case the Indians came they could make their escape through the roof.

William Montgomery, my father, enlisted in the war during the summer of 1813. His company toiled through the dense forests of northern Ohio to Sandusky, where they had been but a short time when news of Perry's victory was received, which virtually ended the war. So they saw no active service, but marched back by the way they had gone, to Mount Vernon, where the company disbanded, and those who lived in Newark, not caring to take the circuitous route of the highway, made their way through the woods "straight as the crow flies" and were soon at their homes. It was in October of that year that my father returned to Virginia and presented himself at the Grimes home and found favor with the youngest daughter, Margaret. When his visit was over, and he turned his face to the west again and rode out into the bright October sunshine, he had his life companion at his side.

It is easy to picture the reunion of the sisters and to understand the close friendship that then existed, and always has, between the two families of ten and eleven children, respectively.

Samuel Montgomery, the oldest brother, came to Licking county with the third Grimes sister in 1820. He continued to preach during the forty-seven years that he resided in this community. His eyesight completely failed him fifteen years before he died, but he had been such a student that his mind had been richly stored, and no one drew larger congregations than he.

My father and mother returned to Virginia to visit in 1819, taking with them brother Charlie, a baby of nine months. To make this journey they drove in a

wagon to the Ohio river, taking their saddles with them, and the remainder of the trip was made on horseback. They returned by the same method.

Again to the subject of the early settlers. Among other Virginians were Solomon and Jonathan Wood. Solomon brought with him his bride, who was said to have been a descendant of Chief Justice Marshall. Their sister, Mary Wood, married Nathan Fleming before leaving Virginia, and they settled at Irville and were the parents of my wife's mother, Margaret Fleming.

Colonel Nathan Fleming was born in Marion county, West Virginia, January, 1783. He was in the mercantile business in Irville, one of the early shippers to New Orleans, frequently going to that place himself. He was commissioned in the militia of Ohio April 3, 1812, by Governor Return Jonathan Meigs, and promoted to major October 29, 1812. He held this rank until October 15, 1818, when he was again promoted, this time to the rank of lieutenant colonel. His daughter, Margaret Fleming, married Beverly Lemert, whose mother, Elizabeth Glasscock, laid out the village of Elizabethtown. Lewis Lemert, father of Beverly, had power of attorney from George Washington to collect his rents on certain tracts of Virginia land. The document, made out by General Washington's own hand, is still intact.

Others that I remember well were James Stump and Levi Claypool, Cornelius Sidle and Eliphalet Vandembark, all men of great integrity, cleverness and hospitality. Their homes were built of hewn logs and contained large fireplaces and chimneys. Having brought considerable means with them to this new country, they lived well for that day. They had pieces of furniture made by local cabinet-makers and would also occasionally have china and furniture brought from the east. These articles were spoken of by their less fortunate neighbors as "far sought and dear bought," but the appreciation shown at the present day of these antique articles proves at least that they were a good investment to hand down to their posterity.

Every man in those early days devoted considerable time to hunting. It was not a mere matter of passing the time, but a necessity. The rifle was kept in a convenient place at all times and frequently used. During my boyhood many deer were killed at the salt licks along the Licking river. The hunter would hide all night, as it was in the early morning that the deer would come for their salt.

I recall a story repeatedly told me in my boyhood, of some white men and Indians who were hunting near Black Hand, and their supply of lead having become exhausted, the Indians requested the white men to wait; that they would procure more. After several hours they returned, bearing lead ore. There was much speculation as to where the ore was procured, and repeated search was made for it. One man, Tom Moody by name, with others, devoted days to the search for it, and, failing to find it, they were inclined to the belief that it might have been found in the bed of the creek.

A "husking" was one of the prominent social episodes and, as well, a decided bit of assistance to the host with his work. It was held in the early fall, on a moonlight night. The corn having previously been hauled in and dumped into a large half circle, captains were chosen who alternately chose their side until the crowd was halved. The half circle of corn was divided into two portions equal in quantity, and each lot of participants, under the leadership of their respective captains, proceeded to husk. As the corn was husked it was tossed to the center

in a pile, and the first side to complete its task proceeded to fall upon the opponents, man for man, in one grand wrestling match. "Bully" men were so called because of their reputation as wrestlers and huskers throughout the neighborhood. Other profitable pleasures were log rollings and quiltings, of which descriptions are numerous.

In 1844 I went into the mercantile business at Elizabethtown. My stock of goods had to be transported from Baltimore, where I went to select it. To go to that city I went by stage from Zanesville to Cumberland, Maryland. The Baltimore & Ohio railroad was completed from Baltimore to that point and it was not then thought possible to build it further over the mountains. My purchase of goods was brought to Cumberland via the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. It was carried by wagons across the mountains to Brownsville, Pennsylvania, and put aboard a steamboat on the Monongahela river, which went to Pittsburg and from thence down the Ohio river to Marietta, and from that place up the Muskingum to Zanesville, where the goods were again placed on wagons and hauled twenty miles to their destination. The freight rate, now fifty cents per hundred from New York to Newark, was then two dollars and fifty cents per hundred pounds from Baltimore to Zanesville. Calico sold at from twenty-five cents to thirty-seven and one-half cents per yard. On the other hand, we paid but six cents per pound for butter, three cents for ham and from three and one-half cents to five cents per dozen for eggs, and many a dozen of the latter have I relegated to the garbage pile, having been unable to dispose of them at any price.

The country was full of produce for which there was no available market, and as cold storage was then an unheard-of institution, the risk of handling perishables is clearly evident. I attempted to handle butter in quantity, shipping to Cincinnati by hauling to Zanesville and thence by boat to the larger city. I shipped one hundred kegs of butter, each keg containing one hundred pounds, for which I had paid six cents per pound, to Cincinnati by the route described. The product not selling readily, I went overland, driving over the National road to Springfield, which was the terminal for a railroad out of Cincinnati. All of my efforts to dispose of my stock of butter were without avail. I returned here and it was not until February, four months after having shipped to Cincinnati, that I disposed of the stuff, needless to say at a loss, selling it as grease to be refined into oil for lighting purposes.

The store room occupied by me in Elizabethtown was afterward familiar to the younger children as Aunt 'Dithas' house, one door west of the Methodist church. Notwithstanding such experiences as above related, I conducted this business for a period of five years at a modest profit, but, estimating at the expiration of that time, my most valued asset acquired while in business was my wife.

I met my wife after her return from the Granville Female Seminary in the spring of '46. We were married on the 12th day of January, 1847, my mother's birthday. Those who witnessed the ceremony were Ely Beckwith and Rebecca Smith, the latter a sister of William Phillip's wife, who were our attendants; my brothers, Charlie and Clark; a brother-in-law, James Taylor; a sister, Emily; the wives of Abner and Leroy Lemert; Elizabeth, the next younger sister, who came home from the Granville seminary to witness the ceremony, and the younger brothers and sisters. The only surviving witness of the ceremony is Mrs. Julia Lemert Bradfield.

We had expected to make a trip to Columbus via stage from Newark, but the roads having thawed and then frozen during the week just preceding our marriage, I decided, after driving from Elizabethtown to Newark and return, the Sunday preceding our marriage, that it would not be a comfortable or pleasant journey. We came directly to my mother's house, which was located where Cary Montgomery now lives. At the dinner that day, given in our honor, were present Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Bannon, Mr. and Mrs. William Seymour, sister Nancy and husband, brother Sam, wife and daughter, Mary Jane, and Mr. and Mrs. William Moore, the latter a Darlington.

We went to housekeeping opposite the present Methodist Episcopal church in Elizabethtown and lived there while we built on the hill opposite, now the parsonage, and into which house we moved the following October. Our first baby was born there in November. Its life was a short one, dying the following June. In the spring of 1849 we moved to Newark. At this time, had I a better education, it would have been my desire to study medicine. It is a source of satisfaction that our son, Edward, born on the 15th of May of that year, inherited my ambition and has reached a degree of success far beyond the ken of my then limited vision.

At the time we came to Newark there was great excitement concerning the discovery of gold in California. I seriously considered becoming one of a party under the leadership of Ben Brice to go to California to seek my fortune. This project was abandoned, however, though quite a number from this community really did go. Cholera menaced the health and peace of mind of Newark's population throughout the two years that we resided there, in consequence of which business was much affected, for which reason, together with our own fear of the disease, we returned to our former neighborhood in the eastern part of the county. The physicians of the town, together with the town council, gave directions as to diet, and advised, where possible, moving out on to the hills surrounding the town. Dr. Cooper, who built the house now occupied by Charles Follett, died of cholera, as did Joshua Mathiet, a prominent attorney and former mayor of the city, in whose office Jerome Buckingham had but lately entered for the study of law.

I bought three acres of ground on the Granville road, having a frontage of two hundred feet, later built upon by the late Daniel Wilson. We lived in a house which, strange to say, still stands on Granville street, unchanged in any way, notwithstanding the fifty-eight years that have elapsed. This we rented of Mr. and Mrs. Ells, who lived across the street, and were the grandparents of Mrs. Charles Hempstead. Other neighbors were Mr. and Mrs. Coleman, grandparents of Dr. William Baldwin. I recall the names of still others who moved away, and I know of no connections of theirs now living in Newark at present.

The Sandusky, Newark & Mansfield railroad was completed while we lived here, and I well remember taking my wife to see the first engine in Newark, which I believe was made in New York and brought here by canal boat. It was a great curiosity to the majority of the inhabitants. I have previously spoken of my first railroad ride, which was from Cumberland to Baltimore. I took my wife to Mount Vernon as soon as the road was in running order, that she, too, might have the experience of being carried in this novel manner.

Shortly after this the Morse magnetic telegraph line was put up through the country from New York to St. Louis by way of Newark and Granville. It was

one of the wonders of the day, and as we were living on the line of its construction, I remember well the curiosity it aroused and the doubts expressed as to the success of the undertaking.

In June of 1850 P. T. Barnum's Great Renowned Show pitched its tents on the commons where now stands Mrs. Kennedy's home. The parade formed on Granville street, in front of our house. A feature of the show was the famous Tom Thumb, whose beautiful little carriage, drawn by Shetland ponies, the outfit a gift from Queen Victoria, was standing in front of our gate. I had our baby, Edward, in my arms and asked permission of the driver to place him in the little satin-lined cab, which was graciously granted. After a ride of a few yards the baby strenuously objected to being removed therefrom.

When I left Newark I bought a farm one-half mile south of Elizabethtown, which was on the line of the famous underground railroad. From that time until the opening of the Civil war it was no unusual sight to see negroes secretly transported north. The title of this farm was defective, and involved me in a lawsuit and the loss of the greater part of the farm. The case had so many unusual features that it has been placed on the Ohio records of the supreme court.

Granville College, later called Denison, for one of its early contributors, passed through a period of struggle and vicissitude, and as a means of contributing to its support an extensive canvass was made at that time for subscriptions, on payment of which a scholarship was issued which was to extend to the donor's children and grandchildren. My father-in-law, Beverly Lemert, gave the sum of two hundred dollars. Mr. Lemert asked me to go with him to Granville at the time this amount was paid. We drove there from Elizabethtown on a day in October, in a Rockaway buggy drawn by two horses. The twenty-five miles were made in comfort and good time.

The college was then on the Columbus road, two miles from town. We drove directly there, where we were received very cordially by the president, Rev. Jeremiah Hall. After our business was transacted we were urged to stay for supper with him, and I remember especially well the peaches and cream that were served us. A well cultivated farm was then in connection with the school.

We returned to the village and went to the Buxton House to spend the night. We sat through the evening in the bar room and I distinctly recollect that the topic of conversation was the recent encounter of a prominent citizen with a rattlesnake. This particular man had a great antipathy for snakes, and a few days before, coming upon one suddenly and without warning, he exclaimed, "God damn the snake!" The question discussed was, did he sin in saying these words? and after much argument it seemed to be the opinion of the majority that he did not.

We spent a night not altogether undisturbed. Mr. Lemert shook his clothes in the morning, saying that he did not care to take any of "those" home with him.

On the strength of the scholarship mentioned, Thomas and Nathan Lemert attended Denison one and two years, respectively, and my son, Edward, was graduated. As there was no provision preventing these scholarships being transferred, they were in a great many cases rented, which was a violation of the original idea in issuing them. Their recall was asked about 1880, and almost every one was willing to return them to the institution which is now so firmly established.

In 1858 I purchased the Beverly Lemert farm, one mile and a half northeast of Perryton, from which my children went out and to which they returned with their children and friends for forty-eight years—certainly the scene of many happy gatherings.

In 1864 I went to Illinois to pay for cattle that John Montgomery and I had contracted for by mail. I carried with me seven thousand dollars, four thousand dollars in New York drafts and the remainder in bills, all in a case encircling my waist, made for the purpose. I arrived in Columbus about seven o'clock in the evening and was obliged to wait until eleven for a train west. I walked up High street, and, seeing a theatre, I paid my admission and took a rear seat. At the same moment another man took a seat directly across the aisle from my own, and throughout the evening I was annoyed by the consciousness that this man was watching me. I left the theatre in good time to catch my train and hurried down High street, which was then enclosed by a high board fence, while the railroad station stood in the woods. I took the place allotted me in the sleeper. When I awakened in the morning and sat pulling on my boots I was startled to see in the next berth to my own the very man I had seen in the theatre on High street the night before. I very promptly said to him, "It strikes me very forcibly that I saw you in the theatre, sir." I saw no more of him after we left the train. Perhaps the consciousness of the money upon my person made me more suspicious than I otherwise would have been, but at the time I was firmly convinced that the man had a design in following me.

On another occasion I got off a train from Pittsburg, where I had just sold stock to the amount of twenty-five hundred dollars, all of which amount I had with me. Money was not trusted in banks nor checks accepted freely at that time. I had come through on a fast train, and it was only after much persuasion that the conductor consented to slow up at Black Run. He followed me to the platform and told me when to jump. The station waiting-room was closed, as it was nearly midnight, so I started immediately up the lane toward the Bald Hills. I had walked but a short distance—a few rods possibly—when a man slid down from the fence, upon which he had been sitting, and walked along with me. I managed to keep a step or two behind him, hoping that when the foot of the hill was reached he would take the cross road, but much to my disappointment he continued up the hill. The thought occurred to me that he must have his accomplices. I had no weapon other than a stout stick, but I was on the alert and assured myself that I was equal to him. When we reached the top of the hill, much to my relief, he turned off into a little lane which I afterwards learned led to his home. He had been sitting with a sick neighbor and was on his way home when, seeing the train coming as he reached the track, he waited to see it pass.

It was at the time of the numerous Blackburn robberies. I was returning from Frazeyburg on horseback. I had been there counting election ballots, and it was nearly twelve o'clock when I started for home. I had quite a little money with me at that time. As I came up a hill, wooded on either side, the mare I was riding stopped with a snort, and I, peering ahead, saw in the bushes at the side of the road what looked to be three men in their shirt sleeves. I debated in my mind whether or not it would be best to turn back, but knowing my horse, and that it could be depended upon for swiftness, I decided to dash by; so, tightening

the rein, I gave her a hard cut with the whip, which sent her forward like a flash—to find my fright had been occasioned by a cow so striped that, as she lay among the bushes, I saw in her my three highwaymen.

In September, 1862, I was one of four to enlist from Elizabethtown at Governor Tod's call for protection for the borders of the state of Ohio. Fletcher Seward, Clay Lemert and my brother-in-law, Thomas Lemert, made up the number. Having already three brothers-in-law in the service, our going took the only remaining menfolk in Margaret Lemert's family. The word was brought to us in the afternoon. We at once set to work molding bullets, making haversacks and preparing three days' rations, and were on our way to Newark before the break of the next day. John Follett, a younger brother of Judge Follett, and later a successful attorney in Cincinnati, was made our captain and organized the company. We went to Covington, Kentucky, where we stayed two weeks. Earthworks were thrown up and preparations made to meet the rebel general, Kirby Smith. The guns we used were not the regulation guns provided for the army, but the lighter hunting rifle such as might be found in every family. On account of our guns and the fact that it was the squirrel season, we were called the "Squirrel Hunters." The governor recognized these services by issuing lithographed discharges to which were appended his signature and the seal of the state.

In May, 1864, my company, H, of the One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was called out to serve for one hundred days. We went to Baltimore, where we were detailed to guard Patterson Park hospital, containing four or five thousand sick, wounded and convalescent soldiers, dividing the time between that station and a fort on the Fredric road to Baltimore.

My leaving home at that time of the year left the management of the summer work of the farm for my wife and Mr. Tracy, a trusty man past middle life. We had six children at this time. Edward, the oldest, was fourteen, and so filled with the war spirit that it took much argument to convince him that he was much more useful at home than at the front. My wife proved her generalship in my absence. Twenty acres of new ground, plowed before my going, were planted in corn. To do this the ten-months-old baby was placed in the shade of a tree and amused by the small children, while those who could lent a hand to help their mother, Tracy and the hired girl to plant and cover the corn. The sheep washing and shearing was accomplished, wool reaching a profitable figure that summer, bringing ninety-nine cents a pound.

I have had a natural inclination—a craving, I might say—to read. While I was in the store at Elizabethtown I read Rollins' Ancient History. During the winters on the farm, when I was much of the time in the house, I read and reread Gibbon's Rome, Macaulay's History of England, Thier's History of the French Revolution, Plutarch's Lives, the writings of Josephus, Thackeray, Dickens and various works of fiction as they came to my hand.

The growth of this country, the inventions and improvements that have been made during my period of observation, are wonderful indeed. I well remember my first sight of a cradle in the wheat field. Up to that time the grain was cut with a sickle. After our men had watched the working of the cradle for some time, they returned to their sickles, saying that a cradle might do well on the hillside or in light grain. The cradle soon succeeded the sickle, while the reaper

and binder and other more complicated machinery have replaced the cradle—such has been the story of improvements and invention in every line of industry.

WILLIAM S. LOYD.

William S. Loyd, well known as a representative of the farming interests of Granville township, was born in the city of Newark, Ohio, February 18, 1855. Like many of the valued residents of the community, he is of Welsh lineage, his parents, Robert and Mary (Davis) Loyd, having been natives of the north and south of Wales, respectively. In her girlhood days the mother came with her parents to the United States, the family home being established in Alexandria, this county, where she was reared. Robert Loyd was thirty-five years of age when he came to Licking county, and, locating in Newark, he turned his attention to the teaming business, while later he became a farmer. His death occurred in Newark, August 25, 1893, when eighty-one years of age, while his wife passed away in the county seat, in October, 1863. They were parents of six children: Elizabeth, now living in Newark; Thomas D. and Mary J., who reside with their sister Elizabeth; William S., of this review; John D., of Alexandria; and Persis Hammond, also a resident of this county.

William S. Loyd was reared in Newark and in this city he remained until nineteen years of age, when he came to Granville township, where he has since made his home. Following his marriage he purchased his present farm, comprising one hundred and twenty-six acres on Columbus road, adjoining the corporation limits of the village of Granville. Here he has erected a fine dwelling a large and substantial barn, and made every modern improvement, and the Crystal Spring Farm, by which name the place is known, is one of the valuable and attractive farm properties of the county, proving one of the most interesting features of the landscape. Everything about the farm is kept in good condition and an air of neatness and thrift pervades the place.

In 1881 Mr. Loyd was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Powell, who was born in Granville township, in 1856, and is a daughter of Rev. John and Mary (George) Powell, the former a native of Wales, and a minister of the Welsh Congregational church. Mrs. Powell was born in Morrow county, Ohio, October 10, 1823. Rev. Powell died in October, 1856, and his wife died in 1894. Rev. Powell came to the United States when a young man and located in Licking county. He was actively engaged in the ministry from the time of his arrival until his death. Rev. and Mrs. Powell were the parents of five children: William R.; Rees S.; Rachel M.; Mary A. and Mrs. Loyd. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd has been blessed with three children: William Franklin, John Ernest and Mary Edna, all yet under the parental roof, the family circle being unbroken by the hand of death.

In his political views Mr. Loyd is an earnest republican, believing that the basic elements of the party are essential to good government. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which he takes an active and helpful interest, serving now as steward and as a member of the finance committee. He is never neglectful of his duties of citizenship, and is interested in all that pertains

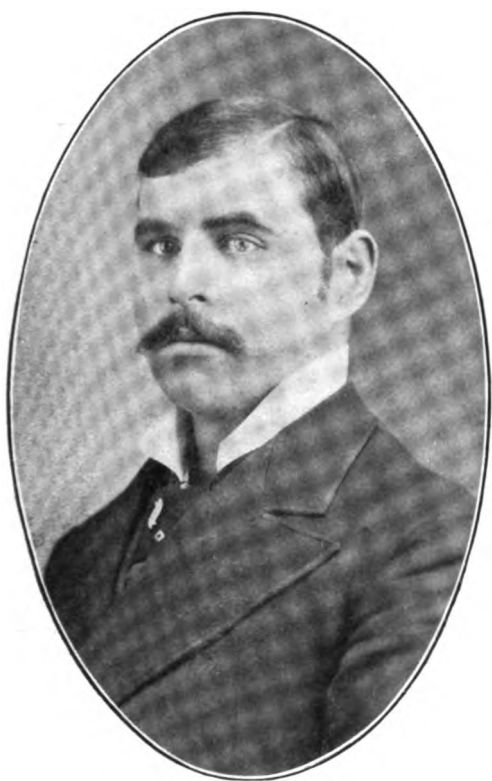
to the material, intellectual and moral progress of the community. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished in a business way, for he started out in life empty-handed and has worked upward until he is now numbered among the leading and prominent farmers of the county.

JOHN LEWIS MILLER.

John Lewis Miller, deceased, who devoted his attention to farming and stock-raising in Etna township, and who was highly respected for his useful and industrious life, was born one mile east of Wagram, December 5, 1856, on the farm on which he died April 29, 1902, after having spent his entire life in this township. His parents were Isaac and Sarah (Knepper) Miller. His father, who was a native of the Shenandoah valley of Virginia, came to this township when he was twenty-one years of age in company with his brother Alexander and settled in the woods in a one-room log cabin of the primitive type, having a clapboard roof with poles laid upon it to keep the boards from being dislodged. At that time only about one acre of the farm on which they located had been cleared and consequently its cultivation did not afford them sufficient sustenance but fortunately there was plenty of wild game, particularly turkeys and deer, so that they had an abundance of substantial food. However, little by little they cut away the forests and in course of time transformed the once thickly wooded tract into fertile fields from which they have since reaped many a bountiful harvest. Of the original tract Isaac Miller retained one hundred and sixty acres, the remainder reverting to his brother's widow. He endured many privations and was compelled to be content with very few of life's comforts during his early career. Many a time he cradled wheat for fifty cents a day which instead of being paid to him in coin was delivered in fat bacon at five cents a pound, but by hard work and perseverance he gradually bettered his condition until at his death he left considerable means and a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres, provided with an elegant residence and substantial barn and other buildings. He was a strong supporter of the democratic party and for forty years voted no other ticket. His religious convictions were in accord with the teachings of the United Brethren church, of which both he and his wife were members and in the work of which they were leading factors.

Shortly after arriving in this township Isaac Miller was united in marriage to Sarah Knepper, who was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, April 15, 1816. He died January 7, 1887, and she entered into rest, January 8, 1897. She was a daughter of Jacob Knepper, a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, who at an early date came to this part of the state and entered one hundred and sixty acres of land for each of his fourteen children, the claims having been taken up in Licking and adjoining counties. Mr. and Mrs. Miller reared a family of thirteen children, two of whom died in infancy, the names of the remaining ones being: Alexander; Henry; Jacob, a veteran of the Civil war, who served two years; John Lewis; Sarah Ault; Mary; Lucinda; Andrew, a veteran of the Civil war; George; John; and William.

On the home farm John Lewis Miller was reared, working in the fields under the supervision of his father and during the winter season acquiring his education in the district schools. After completing his studies he remained on the old home-



MR. AND MRS. JOHN L. MILLER

stead, actively engaged in farming, until he departed this life. The farm contains ninety-six acres—a part of the original tract of one hundred and sixty acres belonging to his father—and here in addition to providing for himself and family he also took care of his parents during their declining years until they entered into rest. Mr. Miller was considered one of the most careful and prosperous farmers in this vicinity, taking great pride in the appearance of his premises and was always solicitous to keep his buildings and fences in repair so that his farm indicated the thrift and enterprise of its owner. He made stock the principal feature of his farm and in this was very successful. Since his death his family have engaged in running a dairy, keeping for this purpose nine cows, all registered stock.

On December 11, 1884, Mr. Miller wedded Hester A. Miller, a native of Fairfield county, Ohio, where her birth occurred July 6, 1863, and where she resided until she was united in marriage. Her parents were Peter and Katherine Miller, the former a native of Fairfield county, now residing in Pickerington, and the latter, who is deceased, a native of Belmont county, Ohio. They reared a family of ten children, seven of whom survive. To Mr. and Mrs. Miller were born: Orpha, wife of Howard Cooper, living at Pataskala; Edgar Allen, who received a teacher's certificate when he was fourteen years of age, taking charge of classes at the age of sixteen years and now a student at the Ohio State University, in Columbus; May, who teaches in the home schools; Stanley and Guy, pupils in the high school; Hazel, Raymond, Walter, Russell and Lester and Chester, twins, all in school.

Mr. Miller was on the democratic side in politics and took an active interest in the educational affairs of the township, having served for many years as a member of the board of education. He was frequently called upon to become a candidate for a number of local offices but he repeatedly declined. In everything purposed for the good of the community he took an interest and having been a progressive man he was in favor of the promotion of all measures which in any way would add to the general welfare of the township. Aside from having been identified with an organization for the promotion of farming interests he was also a strong supporter of the Evangelical church to which he was a liberal contributor. He was a man of excellent character and of modest habits and his relations in the home, as husband and father and in the world, as an associate and business man, commended him to the highest respect and confidence of all who knew him.

LEVI WILLIAM ROLEY.

Levi William Roley is the owner of Highland Home, one of the finest farms of Granville township, comprising one hundred and ten acres of arable and valuable land. It is equipped with all modern accessories and conveniences and in its midst stands a large and beautiful residence. The appearance of the place indicates careful and practical supervision on the part of the owner who, in all of his life work, has so directed his labors as to win honorable and gratifying success.

Mr. Roley is one of Licking county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Franklin township May 28, 1850. His parents were Jesse and Elizabeth (Christ) Roley. The father, a native of Virginia, was born in 1825 and in 1830

was brought to Ohio by his parents, Thomas and Hannah (Hitt) Roley, who located in Perry county near Thornville, and after a few years came to Licking township, Licking county. Here Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Roley spent their remaining days and there they reared their family, numbering six children: William, John, Lewis, Mary, Jane and Jesse. The last named spent almost his entire life in this county and also followed the occupation of farming, finding it a congenial and profitable pursuit. He did not seek to figure in public life, but all who knew him respected him for his genuine worth and unassailable business integrity. His death occurred in Licking township in 1878. His wife was born in that township in 1830, a daughter of Frederick and Mary (Lones) Christ, who were natives of Pennsylvania and became pioneer residents of Licking township. Mrs. Roley still survives and now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. B. M. Irwin, whose husband is postmaster of Jacksontown. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Roley were born five children: Levi W.; Mary, the wife of John Stotler, of Licking township; ing county; and Ida, the wife of Joseph Tavender, of Hebron, Union township.

Rebecca, the wife of B. M. Irwin; Hannah, the wife of Dr. G. W. Berry, of Hock-

Levi William Roley spent the first eleven years of his life at Amsterdam where he was born, and in 1861 his parents removed to Union township, locating south of Hebron, where he lived until twenty-six years of age. He was then married on the 5th of September, 1876, to Miss Clara A. Bounds, who was born in Licking township August 18, 1858, a daughter of George and Lavina (DeBolt) Bounds, the former a native of this county and the latter of Lasalle county, Illinois. For many years they resided on a farm a mile west of Jacksontown and there they passed away. They had three children: Mrs. Roley; Nelson, who is living on the old homestead in Licking township; and Harry, a practicing physician of Carroll, Fairfield county, Ohio.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Roley established their home in Licking township, where he carried on farming until about two years ago. He there owned and cultivated two farms, one of sixty-six acres and the other of sixty-two acres. He sold that property in 1906 and came to his present farm in Granville township. It is a beautiful and attractive property known as Highland Home. His residence stands one thousand one hundred and six feet above sea level. It is a commodious dwelling of thirteen rooms, built in modern style of architecture, and supplied with all modern conveniences. The house is piped for natural gas, which is furnished by the Columbus Natural Gas Company and the Ohio Natural Gas Company, and there is also a gas well upon this farm. There are three bank barns and the buildings are situated on a large hill in the midst of fine old trees, the house commanding a splendid view of the surrounding hills and valleys, and is one of the most attractive country residences of Licking county. It is pleasantly and conveniently situated only a mile and a half from Granville on the Columbus road. Here Mr. Roley carries on general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of dairying until about a year ago, when he sold his interest in that business.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Roley has been blessed with three children: Clarence E., of Fort Wayne, Indiana, who is married and has one child, Doris; Oesc; and Flossie, both at home. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church of Granville and Mr. Roley gives his political allegiance to the democratic

party. He keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and is thus able to support his position by intelligent argument. He does not seek political preferment, however, and on the contrary gives undivided attention to his business affairs which, capably conducted, have brought to him a gratifying measure of success and he is classed today with the most prominent farmers of the county.

WILLIAM REES.

While a country boy may not have advantages along educational lines equal to those of a lad raised in the city, he has opportunities which are ultimately of greater worth than the learning of the schools and that enable him to lay a foundation upon which to build a successful career. Reared amid the peace and quiet of nature, with his thoughts undisturbed by the din of busy business centers, and with a broad and free expanse above and about him, and at the same time pursuing an avocation requiring patience and perseverance, he is given to thoughtfulness by which he develops the better qualities of his nature and brings forth his latent possibilities.

William Rees, who was reared amid rural surroundings and who, having availed himself of his opportunities is now one of the most successful and prosperous agriculturists in Lima township, was born in Reynoldsburg, Franklin county, Ohio, November 21, 1846. His paternal grandparents were Thomas and Margaret (Bonham) Rees, natives of the Keystone state, where they were married. They came to this county at a very early date and located near Newark, where they remained for awhile and then removed to Franklin county, settling on a farm. Mr. Rees was employed as a boss during the construction of the Ohio canal and while acting in that capacity met with an accident which caused his death. He was a veteran of the war of 1812. His children were: John, Jacob, William, Eli, Bonham, Mrs. Jane Reed, Mrs. Ann Sinsebaugh, Mrs. Sarah Ashbrook, and Elizabeth.

John and Hannah (Child) Rees were the parents of William Rees. The latter was a native of Bristol, England, where she was born in 1814, a daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Fry) Child, who came to Lima township, Licking county, in 1830. They were the parents of the following children: Stephen, Daniel, Sarah, Hannah, Ann, Caroline, and Mercy. Mr. Rees was born at Smiths Mills, Newark township, this county, May 15, 1812, and when sixteen years of age went to Lancaster, Ohio, where he learned the saddler's trade, serving his apprenticeship, and then removed to Reynoldsburg, Ohio, where he continued as a saddler for a few years and then followed general merchandising until 1855, when he removed to Illinois, remaining two years. In 1858 he bought the farm in this township on which he lived until the time of his death, September 12, 1902. His wife passed away in 1883. In politics he was a whig and then a republican, and was always active during political campaigns. He was a strong anti-slavery man and did all in his power to aid the movement which finally terminated in the abolition of slavery. He was a man of high moral qualities and a member of the Congregational church. John and Hannah Rees were the

parents of the following: Edmund and Ann are deceased. John H., of Columbus, is married and has one child. He served four years in the Ninety-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. William is the next of the family. Charles is deceased; and Amanda is the wife of R. P. Alward, of Newark, and has three children.

In the district schools William Rees received his education and at the age of nine years his family removed from Franklin county to Carlinville, Illinois, where his father conducted a general store for a time but in 1857 returned to the farm, on which William Rees has since resided. Here when he started he had a farm containing fifty-three acres upon which he labored arduously, paying strict attention to his business, and he met with such splendid success that his accumulations enabled him to increase his tillable land to three hundred and six acres, which includes three farms: the home farm of one hundred and eleven acres; another tract of one hundred and thirty acres, located a half mile north of the home place; and a sixty-five acre farm situated one half mile south. Mr. Rees cultivates the entire acreage, all of which is highly improved, his farms being thoroughly equipped with buildings, machinery and all conveniences necessary to successfully prosecute the farm work. The old home farm is notable by reason of the fact that upon it stands the oldest frame school building in district No. 1, of this township, the edifice being close to the rear of Mr. Rees's residence. The building was of great age at the time his family located there in 1858, and it was used for school purposes for several years after that time, when it was finally abandoned and a new structure was erected in another section of the district.

Aside from general farming Mr. Rees pays particular attention to stock-raising, his stock consisting principally of Delane sheep and Poland China hogs. His enterprise and progressiveness have been well rewarded and he is now not only in comfortable circumstances but is prominent in the financial circles of the county, being a stock holder in the People's Bank of Pataskala. Until the year 1896 he gave his political allegiance to the republican party, but later shifted his support to the democratic party in order to vote for the Hon. W. J. Bryan, but of late years he has taken the stand of an independent and now casts his vote irrespective of party ties for the man whom he thinks best qualified to serve the interests of the commonwealth in the office he seeks. He is a prominent member of Pataskala Lodge No. 404, A. F. & A. M.

WILLIAM BURNHAM WOODS.

William Burnham Woods was of Kentucky parentage on the paternal side, his father being Ezekial S. Woods. On the maternal side he was of New England blood, his mother bearing the maiden name of Sarah Burnham. A native son of Newark, Ohio, his birth occurred on the 3d of August, 1824. Early in life he was inspired with an honorable ambition to excel in whatever he undertook and strove, with tireless industry and close application to study, to thoroughly qualify himself for any position in private or public life. After spending three years at the Western Reserve College he entered the senior class at Yale and immediately



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took high rank as a scholar, graduating with honor in 1845. In 1883 his alma mater conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. He was admitted to the bar in November, 1847, and at once began the practice of law in his birth-place, continuing as a representative of the profession until he entered the army at the beginning of the Civil war. In 1856-7 he served as mayor of Newark and in October of the latter year was elected as a democratic member of the Ohio house of representatives, being made speaker on its organization in January, 1858. Having aspired to that position and prepared for it by diligent study, he fulfilled its duties with singular ability and was re-elected in 1859, again receiving the unanimous nomination of his party for speaker. As the legislature of Ohio is elected for two years, Mr. Woods' second term did not expire until the end of 1861. His course as a legislator upon pending measures affecting the state's action regarding the rebellion had been such that his entering the service as a volunteer in September, 1861, occasioned no surprise. He was commissioned as lieutenant colonel and participated in the engagements of Fort Donelson, Shiloh and Chickasaw Bayou and was wounded at Arkansas Post. He was subsequently with Grant before Vicksburg, took part in the siege of Jackson, Mississippi, and went with General Sherman on the march to Atlanta, participating in the conflicts attending the march and at its conclusion. His command formed part of Sherman's army in its march to the sea, and with it he entered Washington. During this time he had been brevetted a brigadier general on the 12th of January, 1865, for faithful and continuous service during the Atlanta and Savannah campaigns. He was afterward promoted to the rank of a major general by brevet, March 16, 1865, for gallant and meritorious service during the war, and on the 31st of May, 1865, he was promoted to the rank of brigadier general.

At the close of the war Mr. Woods decided to make the south his permanent home and located in Alabama, investing all his property there. In addition to engaging in the practice of law he purchased a plantation and went into the business of raising cotton near Montgomery, while later he invested in iron works at Tecumseh, Alabama, with his brother-in-law, General Willard Warner. Subsequently, after being raised to the bench, he removed to Atlanta, Georgia, on account of its healthful climate. In July, 1868, he was elected chancellor for the middle district of Alabama and filled that office until December 22, 1869, when he was confirmed by the senate as United States circuit judge, upon the nomination of President Grant, for the territory including Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas and Mississippi, and took the oath of office on January 7, 1870. During the years he was on the circuit bench he edited four volumes of Woods Reports. The southern tier of states at that time abounded in intricate and complicated questions arising from the war and its consequences and the federal courts were much resorted to, as it was some time before any of the state courts became so organized and filled as to meet the wants of the community. The labors of the circuit and district courts were often herculean. It is but just to say that few judicial records exhibit a combination of greater impartiality, faithfulness and sound exposition of the law than those of Judge Woods during the eleven years that he officiated as circuit judge. On December 20, 1880, President Hayes nominated Judge Woods as an associate justice of the United States supreme court and on the next day he was confirmed by the senate. He took the oath of office and

his seat on the bench on the 5th day of January, 1881. In the supreme court, Justice Woods always evinced not only an adequate familiarity with legal principles but great good sense and sound judgment in the views he took of complicated and difficult questions which came before the tribunal; and his unflagging industry and laborious preparation of cases made him an exceedingly useful member of the court. During the six years of his active life on the bench he generally wrote as many as thirty elaborate opinions in each term. Many of these were in patent and equity cases, requiring a careful analysis of evidence, often filling hundreds of printed pages. He was eminently happy in eliminating truth from a voluminous and complicated record and in applying the principles and doctrines of jurisprudence to the facts of the case. His knowledge and experience in relation to the laws of Louisiana and other southern states were often of great service to the court in deciding cases arising in that part of the United States. He had an abiding conviction that municipal corporations and even states ought to pay their just debts and he was never inclined to allow them to escape liability by any defect in technical formalities. His opinions were always lucid and to the point, without any useless display of rhetoric. Justice Woods began to fail in health toward the close of the term in April, 1886, and upon repairing to his circuit he utterly broke down while holding court in New Orleans, being obliged to return to his home in Washington. A visit to southern California during the fall and winter seemed at first to benefit him but his disease finally terminated in dropsy and he returned only to die. His death took place in Washington on the 14th of May, 1887, in the sixty-third year of his age. He left a widow and two children, a son and daughter. Justice Woods, though a man of great firmness and decision, was most genial, kind and humorous with his friends and in his home.

J. E. DEYO.

J. E. Deyo, the well known proprietor of the Hotel Hudson in Newark, was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, on the 9th of December, 1863, his parents being David and Elizabeth (Gilliland) Deyo, also natives of this state. The mother passed away in 1886 and the father was called to his final rest in 1905. Their family numbered four children, namely: Joseph, a resident of Columbus, Ohio; J. E., of this review; Mary, the wife of L. F. Mathews, of Columbus, Ohio; and Clara, the wife of Vinnie Banhan, of Pickaway county, Ohio.

J. E. Deyo obtained his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until he had reached his majority. He was then engaged in the operation of a rented farm for twelve years and on the expiration of that period purchased a tract of one hundred and forty-five acres in McKean township, Licking county, which he brought under a high state of improvement as the years passed by. There are three gas wells on the property. In addition to the work of general farming he made a specialty of raising and breeding stock of all kinds, meeting with a gratifying and creditable measure of success in his undertakings. In 1906, however, he abandoned agricultural pursuits and, taking up his abode in Newark, Ohio, now manages and conducts the Hotel Hudson, a

twenty-five room hostelry at No. 45 Hudson street. A genial and popular proprietor, Mr. Deyo neglects nothing that can add to the comfort of his guests and is widely recognized as one of the substantial, public-spirited and progressive citizens of the county.

In 1884 occurred the marriage of Mr. Deyo and Miss Hallie Mayhew, a native of Madison county, Ohio, and a daughter of Washington and Susan (Hes) Mayhew. Her father is now deceased but her mother still survives and makes her home in Madison county, Ohio. Unto our subject and his wife were born two children: Dulcie, who has passed away; and Earl R., at home.

In his political views Mr. Deyo is a staunch republican, while fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows lodge, No. 70, in Pickaway county. His good qualities, and they are many, have strongly endeared him to those with whom he has been associated and wherever he is known he is popular with a large circle of friends.

JOHN M. LAMBERT.

John M. Lambert, a well known breeder of Poland China hogs, in Newton township, and a representative of a family who were among the early settlers of this place, was born in Licking county, September 26, 1855, a son of James M. and Mary E. (Houck) Lambert, his mother having been a native of this county, while his father, who was born in old Virginia, came to this place with his parents in the year 1816. Here he remained throughout his remaining days engaged in agriculture. He was a carpenter by trade and an auctioneer, crying many sales. Throughout the limits of the county he was known as an upright, honorable and industrious citizen. In the family were eight children, namely: Sarah, who became the wife of Warren Stream and resides in Des Moines, Iowa; Francis, deceased; Susan, who wedded Jonathan Householder, of this county; a fourth child, who departed this life in infancy; Carrie, wife of T. H. Wheaton, residing in Toledo, Ohio; Norton, deceased; John M.; and Mary, who is the wife of D. C. Trent, of Toledo, Ohio. The elder Mr. Lambert passed away after a long and useful life on May 8, 1903, in his ninety-third year, having survived his wife thirty-two years.

In the common schools of his native town John M. Lambert acquired his education and at the age of fifteen years started out in the world for himself. His first work was that of a farm hand and thus he followed agriculture for nine years, at which period of his life he was married. He then rented his father-in-law's farm for eight years and at the expiration of that time, in 1889, his success had enabled him to accumulate sufficient means with which to purchase the farm upon which he now resides. The farm consists of one hundred acres of as fine land as there is in the county and Mr. Lambert, having been very attentive to his property, has supplied every needed improvement, such as an excellent dwelling, barns, outbuildings and other conveniences with which to make farming a paying proposition. Aside from producing hay, wheat, oats and general grain crops, he also engages to some extent in stock-raising, making a specialty of breeding Poland China hogs. Having thus engaged for the past fifteen years,

he has become an acknowledged authority on stock of that kind. In addition Mr. Lambert has carried on a dairy business for twelve years and, keeping on hand the finest kind of milk producing cattle, he is known throughout the county for the excellent quality of milk and butter with which he provides his customers, thus winning a wide reputation and a liberal patronage.

Mr. Lambert was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Keeran, a native of Mary Ann township but reared in Newton township. She is a daughter of Job and Eliza (Allbaugh) Keeran. Her mother, who was a native of this county, departed this life in December, 1886, and her father, originally from Virginia, died September 14, 1902. They reared a family of seven children, one of whom is Mrs. Lambert. By her marriage she has become the mother of three sons: Ralph H., who is in business in Newark; Arthur J. and Roy Dale, both of whom reside with their parents. Mr. Lambert gives his political support to the republican party and has served for several years as school director, while at the present time he holds the position of county commissioner, being now in his seventh year in that office. He belongs to the local Grange, Lodge No. 850, I. O. O. F., meeting at St. Louisville, and Lodge No. 4727, Modern Woodmen of America, in which he has passed through the various chairs. Faithful to his religious obligations Mr. Lambert finds time for church work and with his wife attends services at the Methodist Episcopal church, to which he is a liberal contributor. He is a man, whose good character and enterprising spirit has made him favorably known throughout the community and he enjoys the confidence and respect of all his neighbors.

HENRY CLARK LONGWELL.

Henry Clark Longwell is widely known as a successful and progressive representative of farming and stock raising interests in Liberty township, Licking county. Agricultural pursuits constitute his life work and in this connection he is meeting with gratifying success. Mr. Longwell was born January 6, 1851, in this county and is a son of James and Judith (Wallace) Longwell. His ancestors on the paternal side came from Virginia to Licking county in the early part of the eighteenth century, while his mother's people arrived in 1830 from Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. James Longwell were the parents of five children: Mary E., who became the wife of James A. Miles and is now deceased; Henry Clark, whose name introduces this review; Emma A.; Perry A.; and Alva L. The father was a prosperous farmer and stock raiser who carefully managed his business interests and through his unwearied efforts gained gratifying success. He was also recognized as a man of sterling character who wielded a wide influence. He died in July, 1882, and was long survived by his wife who passed away in November, 1906.

Henry Clark Longwell has followed the vocation of his father, being trained under the parental direction for the work of the fields, while in the district schools he received his mental discipline. Since starting out in life on his own account he has made steady and substantial progress in his business career and is now one of the enterprising farmers of the community. His live stock interests are

also important and constitute a valuable feature in his business success. In addition to his interests of this character he is a director and the vice president of the Johnstown Building & Loan Association, has other business interests and is decidedly a man of affairs. He has learned the lesson that there is no such word as fail to the man of determination and industry and he never allows any obstacle to brook his path if it can be overcome by determined and honorable effort.

Mr. Longwell gives his political allegiance to the democracy but is not active in political matters, nor does he seek the honors nor emoluments of public office. However, he is in every sense of the term a public-spirited citizen, loyal to the best interests of the county. He resides on the old farm homestead where his parents lived and with him reside his sister Emma Arbilla and a brother Alva Lee, the two brothers being associated in their farming and stock raising interests. The Longwell home is one of the most attractive and hospitable homes in Licking county and the family is among the most intelligent and progressive.

GEORGE T. JONES.

George T. Jones, formerly identified with merchandising, is now devoting his energies to general farming and operates a tract of land of eighty acres in Granville township, owned by his daughter. While raising various crops, he makes a specialty of hay and potatoes and his capable business management is seen in the excellent results which are attending his efforts. Mr. Jones is a native of Horsham, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, where his birth occurred November 10, 1832. His parents were Thom and Sarah (Jones) Jones, who in 1833 removed from Montgomery county to Licking county, so that the subject of this review has spent almost his entire life in the latter county. The family numbered ten children, of whom only two are now living: George T.; and Rachel, who became the wife of Robert Williams of Granville. They removed to Wisconsin and Mr. Williams is now deceased.

In Licking county George T. Jones was reared at a time when the district bore little resemblance to the present improved section of the state. There were still many evidences of Indian occupancy and of the more remote and prehistoric race known as the mound builders. Much of the land was still uncultivated, yet the county was attracting to it a class of progressive, enterprising citizens, who were clearing away the forest and transforming the land into productive fields. In the work of the home farm Mr. Jones assisted when not busy with the duties of the schoolroom. His early education was acquired in the district schools and later he attended the old Granville Male Academy. Granville has always been a center of learning—an interesting college town whose influence has spread abroad through the labors and efforts of its many graduates.

After completing his education, George T. Jones learned the tinning business with his brother, Lewis Jones, and about 1853, three months before he attained his majority, he became a partner of his brother under the firm style of G. T. Jones & Company. Later they admitted another brother, E. W. Jones, to a partnership and continued the business until the death of Lewis Jones, after

which the firm name was changed to Jones & Brother. Business was then carried on under that style until 1888, when George T. Jones sold his interest to his brother and turned his attention to farming. He has also acted as assistant to his brother, but gives most of his time to the management of his agricultural interests and the farm under his control has been brought under a high state of cultivation. His principal crops are hay and potatoes and, as he gathers rich harvests, his success is continually increasing, owing to the sale of his products. He is a man of tireless energy, with ability in management, and his carefully directed labors have gained him place among the substantial farmers of the community.

On the 26th of December, 1861, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Jones and Miss Arabella S. Lyon, a daughter of James and Jane Lyon, whose family numbered two children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jones have been born three children: Herbert Lyon, deceased; Minnie B., who is at home with her parents; and one who died at birth. The son Herbert was married and at his death left two children, Arthur Wright and Ethel Lyon.

Politically Mr. Jones is a republican who has continuously supported the candidates of the party for many years. His first vote, however, was cast for the presidential nominee of the abolition party. His fellow townsmen have called him to several local offices. He served as township treasurer for about eight years and was a member of the council for about four years, discharging his duties with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church and he is most loyal to its teachings. For more than seventy-five years he has been a resident of this county, so that his memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. He can remember a time when many of the homes were log cabins and when gigantic forest trees were seen where are now found waving fields of grain. A number of the leading towns and villages of this locality had not yet sprung into existence and the cities were of but little industrial or commercial importance. Much of the farm work was done by hand, for invention had not yet introduced the modern improved farm machinery which has so greatly lessened agricultural labor. As the years have gone by Mr. Jones has been much interested in the work of progress and has always borne his share in the task of general development and upbuilding. His fellow townsmen, too, have entertained for him warm regard because of his strict conformity to a high standard of life. He has been trustworthy and honest in all of his business dealings and has enjoyed to the full the good will and confidence of those with whom he has been associated.

JOHN D. LOYD.

John D. Loyd has become well known in Licking county as a successful dealer in wool, hides, pelts and poultry, which lines have claimed his attention for twenty years. At a more recent date he extended his efforts to include seeds, grain and feed and is now conducting a good store of that character in Alexandria. He was born in Newark, Ohio, October 15, 1858, his parents being Robert and Mary (Davis) Loyd, both of whom were natives of Wales, although they were married



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in this county. They spent their last days in Newark, where Mrs. Loyd passed away at the age of forty-one years, while Mr. Loyd was eighty-four years of age at the time of his demise. He owned a small farm west of Newark and in the city engaged in teaming for many years. Their children were: Elizabeth, a resident of Newark; Thomas; William S., who is living in Granville, this county; John D.; Mary, also of Newark; and Persis, the wife of V. J. Hammond, of Hebron, Ohio.

John D. Loyd was only five years of age at the time of his mother's death. When fourteen years of age he came alone to Alexandria and in this district began working by the month as a farm hand. He had been employed in that way from the age of ten years and is truly a self-made man, who owes his success entirely to his own efforts, while his prosperity is the visible evidence of his life of well directed thrift and energy. For eight years he worked by the month as a farm hand for his aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Charles, who became a widow after Mr. Loyd had been with her for a year. He then assumed the management of two farms, although but a boy of fifteen years, and conducted both until twenty-two years of age, receiving eighteen dollars per month in compensation for his services. Later he entered the employ of John Davis, of Alexandria, in the stock business, remaining with him for about five years, after which he went to Buffalo, New York, where he was employed in the stockyards for eight months. On the expiration of that period he returned to Licking county but soon afterward went to California alone and spent two years there on a ranch, working in the vineyards. On the expiration of that period he again came to Alexandria and with the capital which he had saved from his earnings he established business on his own account in 1889. Here he bought wool, hides, pelts, furs and poultry and has since continued in this line, handling those commodities on quite an extensive scale. Later he extended the scope of his activities by establishing a grain, feed and seed store and is today busily occupied with all of these lines, being recognized as one of the energetic and representative business men of the community. He purchased the block formerly owned by Oriel Jones, of Newark, which he now uses as a warehouse. It is two stories in height with a frontage of sixty-six feet and a depth of one hundred feet. In addition to his other interests he has also been a director of the Alexandria Bank Company since its organization. He possesses firm purpose and will brook no obstacle that can be overcome by determined and honorable effort. Work—continuous, persistent work—has been the basis of his success, making him one of the substantial residents of the community.

In 1897 Mr. Loyd was united in marriage to Miss Luella Graham, who was born in Morrow county, Ohio, in 1864, a daughter of Benton and Candace (Stover) Graham. Her mother is now deceased but her father still lives in Morrow county. Mr. and Mrs. Loyd are well known here socially and the hospitality of the best homes is freely accorded them. He purchased and remodeled their present fine home and they delight in entertaining their many friends there. Mr. Loyd was at one time active in the work of the republican party to which he still gives stalwart support. His business interests, however, leave him little leisure for participation in public affairs but as a business man he occupies a prominent place in commercial circles. In his earlier years he could speak, read and write the Welsh language, for it was the language used in his own home. His father had come to Ohio by canal in 1840 and was thus one of the early residents of this part of the state. Mr. Loyd has spent almost his entire life in Licking county,

save for brief absences and he is one of its self-made men, who deserves all of the praise which that term implies. There are comparatively few who have to start out as he did when but ten years of age, but he early resolved to win for himself an honorable place in the business world and his energy and industry are carrying him into important commercial relations.

HON. WILLIAM A. ASHBROOK.

In the field of political and commercial activity Hon. William A. Ashbrook has won distinction. He is now for the second term representing the seventeenth Ohio district in congress and is equally well known in banking and other business circles. He was born on a farm near Johnstown, July 1, 1867, and is a son of William and Lucy Ashbrook, who were pioneer residents of Monroe township. In the common schools he acquired his education and with characteristic energy has attained his present high position in the industrial, commercial and political world. Before he was eighteen years of age he began the publication of the Johnstown Independent and has since remained at the head of this paper which is now one of the best country journals of the state. It is devoted to the dissemination of general and local interests, is well edited and presents a most neat and attractive appearance, while its increasing circulation makes it an excellent advertising medium. His ability and prominence as a newspaper man has been recognized by the National Editorial Association which elected him secretary. His efforts and activity have been extended to various other lines and he is now the secretary of the Johnstown Building & Loan Association, one of the strongest financial institutions of its kind in the state. He is likewise cashier of the Citizens Bank of Johnstown, besides being connected in an official way with several banking institutions of Licking county.

Mr. Ashbrook has long been active in political and state affairs and is a stalwart champion of the democracy. He served as postmaster of Johnstown during the first Cleveland administration but never actively entered political life until 1905, when he was nominated for representative from Licking county in the Ohio legislature. The ensuing election indicated his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen for he led the ticket by several hundred votes. During his term as representative, after a three days' convention he was nominated for the sixtieth congress at New Philadelphia June 8, 1906, on the two hundred and seventy-seventh ballot. At the election he received nineteen thousand eight hundred and ninety-two votes against nineteen thousand, four hundred and seventy-seven cast for M. L. Smyser, his republican opponent. He resigned his seat in the Ohio assembly to accept congressional honors and his record in the national law making body during his first term was such that at the convention of his party in 1908 he was recalled by reelection and at the ensuing election held on the 3d of November defeated his opponent by a unanimous plurality of seven thousand five hundred and seventy-two votes, carrying his own county by the largest majority ever given any candidate. This is at once indicative of the commendation which the public has for his official work and also plainly evidences his personal popularity.

Mr. Ashbrook was married to Miss Jennie B. Wilson, a member of a prominent pioneer family of Licking county, the wedding being celebrated on the 24th of December, 1889. At a recent date Mr. and Mrs. Ashbrook were with the congressional party that went to Panama to inspect the canal. They are prominent socially and Mr. Ashbrook belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the Uniformed Rank, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, while in Masonry he has taken the Knight Templar and the Scottish Rite degrees and is also a member of the Mystic Shrine and of the Eastern Star. Such, in brief, is the life history of Hon. William A. Ashbrook, a man hardly yet in his prime, and his friends at home and abroad predict for him still higher honors in the political life of the state and nation. He is a democrat in politics but men of all parties delight to do him honor. He is held in the highest regard both in Columbus and in Washington, but in his home county has that warm personal friendship which arises from genuine appreciation of personal qualities.

DANIEL THOMAS.

Daniel Thomas, who is now living retired in Newark, was born in South Wales on the 22d of February, 1832. His parents, David and Mary Thomas, were also natives of that country and there passed away. Their family numbered eleven children, only two of whom survive, namely: Daniel, of this review; and Griffith, who resides near Red Oak, Iowa.

Daniel Thomas acquired his education in the schools of his native land and in 1853 crossed the briny deep to the United States, taking up his abode in Licking county, Ohio. Throughout his entire business career he followed the plasterer's trade, being successfully connected with that line of activity until 1893, when he retired from active life and has since enjoyed the fruits of his former toil in well earned rest. Subsequent to his marriage, which was celebrated in 1856, he lived in Iowa for two years but on the expiration of that period returned to Newark, which has since remained his place of residence. He owns two store buildings and eight attractive and commodious residences in the city of Newark and is widely recognized as one of the substantial and respected citizens of the county. He is a self-made man, deserving of much credit for what he has accomplished in the business world, for though he came to the new world dependent upon his own resources for a livelihood, he has through his close attention, careful management and untiring industry, gained a success which now enables him to spend his remaining days amid all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

In 1856 Mr. Thomas was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Evans, also a native of Wales, who accompanied her mother on her emigration to the new world in 1841.

Mr. Thomas gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has ever taken an active and helpful interest in the local work of the organization, having served for four years as a member of the city council. For more than fifty years he has been a Sunday school teacher in the Congregational church, of which his

wife is also a devoted member. Having made his home in this county for more than a half century, he is largely familiar with its annals from a pioneer period down to the present time and is moreover well known and highly esteemed as one of the venerable and worthy residents here.

WILLIAM D. BELL.

William D. Bell, an enterprising and successful agriculturist, was born in Newton township, Licking county, Ohio, on the 28th of November, 1877, his parents being Meeker and Ellen (Donly) Bell, who were also natives of this county. The father passed away in May, 1908, having for two decades survived his wife, who was called to her final rest in 1888. Unto this worthy couple were born eight children, namely: Mary, who is deceased; Emma, a resident of Newark; Carrie, the wife of Charles Nash, of Newton township; Dell, the wife of George McClain, of Licking county; William D., of this review; John and Ora, both of whom make their home in Newark; and one who died in infancy.

William D. Bell acquired his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. Subsequently he operated a rented farm for four or five years, on the expiration of which period he purchased a farm of one hundred and thirteen and a half acres in Newton township, in the cultivation of which he has been successfully engaged to the present time. He has placed many substantial improvements on the property and brought the fields into a state of rich fertility, so that he annually harvests good crops and derives therefrom a gratifying income.

September 20, 1900, Mr. Bell was united in marriage to Miss Seba Keller, a native of Licking county and a daughter of Jacob Keller, who is mentioned on another page of this work. Unto our subject and his wife have been born three children: Margaret, Leslie W. and Donald D.

In his political views Mr. Bell is a democrat, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Congregational church, with which his wife is also identified. Although still a young man, he has already won a gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity in his farming operations and both he and his wife are widely and favorably known throughout this county, where they have spent their entire lives.

J. E. HOUSE.

J. E. House, who owns and operates an excellent farm in Licking township, and is one of its worthy and enterprising citizens, was born on the tract of land he now cultivates, February 24, 1873, his grandfather, John House, having come to this district at an early date with his family, among whom was William, father of the subject of this review, a native of Pennsylvania, who was then but two years of age. Settling on a tract of land which was then in a primitive condition he

cleared and put it in condition for cultivation and there erected a log cabin which was their first dwelling. There William House was reared and subsequently was united in marriage to Effie Naylor, a native of Jefferson county, this state, who still survives, residing with her son, J. E. House, while her husband, who departed this life in 1897, was laid to rest in the Hebron cemetery in Union township. He was a man well thought of throughout this vicinity, and during his career his great energy and enterprise enabled him to so prosper that at the time of his death he owned two hundred and eighty-six acres of arable land. In politics he was a republican, his influence having been felt in local affairs inasmuch as he was a great advocate of improvements. He was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. In his family were three children, namely: Emma, wife of Oscar Pennington; Cora, who resides with her brother; and J. E.

On his father's farm J. E. House was reared and there he acquired his knowledge of the art of husbandry, and during his boyhood days obtained his education in the district schools. After completing his studies he devoted his entire time to the pursuit of agriculture on the home farm, where he has since resided. He owns one hundred and five acres of land, the soil of which is in excellent condition for raising general crops, and the premises being provided with all the appurtenances necessary to pursue agriculture, his farm is one of the most desirable in the township. Mr. House has been quite successful in raising general crops such as wheat, oats and corn, and also in breeding stock, which he carries on on a small scale. His home is one of the fine country residences.

On the 23d of December, 1896, Mr. House wedded Miss Nellie Gray, a native of this county, by whom he has had four children, namely: William, John Benton, Pearl and Harold. The principles of the republican party have always appealed to Mr. House as worthy of his support, and at general elections he regularly casts his vote for its candidates. He attends the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife is a member, and an energetic worker. Mr. House is a young man, and the aggressive spirit which he has thus far evidenced has already greatly added to his prosperity. Being a man of exceptional energy his enterprise will doubtless open up for him further opportunities so that he shall be able to be of even greater worth to the community than he is at present. His conduct is such as to merit the respect of all who know him, and being straightforward in his business transactions he is considered one of the township's most reliable citizens.

DAVID C. BROOKS.

David C. Brooks, who for many years was a noted educator in this state and who has rendered noble service as a lay preacher but is now engaged in agricultural pursuits in Liberty township, Licking county, where his ancestors have pursued the same occupation for more than a century, is a native son of this township, his birth having here occurred September 16, 1836. His parents were David and Jane (Butler) Brooks, his mother a native of McKean township and his father of the state of Maine. David Brooks came to this county in 1818 and two years later settled in Liberty township, where he actively engaged in the pursuits of agricul-

ture and stock-raising until he departed this life in November, 1896, having survived his wife seven years. He was a man of considerable prominence throughout the community and, owing to his enterprising spirit and excellent qualities, he was esteemed by all who knew him, so that his memory will long linger among the residents of this county as that of a useful and noble man.

In the general routine of his father's farm David C. Brooks spent his boyhood days and in the meantime attended the district schools, where he pursued the course of study taught there. He next entered Hartford Academy and, upon being graduated from that institution, was matriculated as a student in Denison University, at Granville, where he was graduated when twenty years of age. Immediately afterward he engaged in teaching, which profession he followed until he was forty-five years of age. In the year 1864 he moved to Hancock county and was made superintendent of schools at Vanlue, at the same time engaging in general merchandising. Returning to Alexandria, this county, in the year 1865, he became superintendent of schools, which position he held for a period of two years, at the expiration of which time he relinquished the duties of that profession and returned to his farm in Liberty township, where he now resides. He was considered one of the most efficient teachers in the county and during his incumbency as superintendent of the several schools over which he presided he won great popularity for his learning and at the same time for his executive ability. Mr. Brooks, since resorting to agriculture, has been as successful in this occupation as he was as an educator. In connection with general farming and stock-raising he still to some extent engages in teaching, teaching private pupils when called upon by the residents of the community. His studious habits have led him to delve deeply into the literature pertaining to farming and, consequently, he has infused many novel and progressive ideas into his work, which have enabled him to follow agriculture by the most modern principles. His farm is well improved and under a high state of cultivation and, having made a profound study of the nature of the soils and of the adaptation as well of the rotation of crops, he is one of the most successful agriculturists in this section of the country, deriving from the ground the maximum yield per acre for the production of hay and the various cereals.

On October 23, 1862, Mr. Brooks was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Miller, daughter of John and Nancy (Sommerville) Miller, their families being of prominence in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks are parents of six children, namely: Ooloos; Nina May, who became the wife of William A. Rusler; Jennie L., the widow of Edward Bishop; J. Miller; Willoughby D.; and Leota E.

Mr. Brooks has always taken a great interest in the Grange, having been master of that organization in Alexandria and also the organizer of the seventeen granges in this county. His studious habits and wide knowledge have enabled him to be of great benefit to farmers and he has introduced many new features into the various departments of that occupation. He is one of the most highly respected men in the county and as an evidence of the great confidence in which he is held, he has been chosen to serve in every office of the township except that of constable and is now officiating as justice of the peace, having been performing the duties of that position for the past twelve years. Until the year 1896 he gave his political allegiance to the republican party but since that time has broken away from partisanship and now takes the stand of an independent, asserting his right during elections of casting his vote and using his influence towards the election of candi-

dates whom in his judgment he considers best qualified to promote the interests of the commonwealth. He is a staunch advocate of general public improvements, particularly of good roads. He has always been an advocate of an excellent school system, and has been instrumental in doing much toward bringing the schools of this country up to the required standard and keeping them in line with the progress of the times.

In church work Mr. Brooks is equally as active and enthusiastic as he is in political affairs. Although he was never ordained as a minister of the gospel, yet, his noble character and solicitation to do all he can for the moral and spiritual uplift of the community and to spread the glad tidings of the gospel, in which he finds the only hope of mankind and the restoration of society, has placed himself before the world as a minister and he has done much good in performing the duties of that office in many of the churches scattered throughout this and adjoining counties. He is a Wesleyan Methodist in religious faith and has always been an energetic worker both in the church and Sunday school. He is now a member of the board of trustees of the Congregational church at Alexandria and for years was superintendent of the Sunday school of that organization. Mr. Brooks is a highly educated man and one of refinement and culture and is known within a wide radius as one of the most valued representatives of the county.

ALLEN BARB.

Allen Barb, who owns a fine farm on the Hebron road in Etna township, where he makes a specialty of the dairy business, was born where he now resides October 23, 1863, and over a century ago when this part of Licking county was a vast forest, having in it scarcely an acre of developed land, his great-grandparents came from Virginia, settling in Rushville, Fairfield county, with their family. Among their sons was Bathuel Barb, who there wedded Elizabeth Sturgeon, with whom he subsequently removed to a farm situated one and a half miles east of that on which his grandson Alva Barb resides, and there they spent their remaining days. In their family were four children, namely: Robert, Allen, Alva, and Hester Jane. In this part of the country the maternal grandfather of Allen Barb also settled and bore the reputation of being the most powerful man physically in this part of the state, holding the record for being able to lift a full barrel of whiskey as high as his head and thus imbibing of its contents.

Robert Barb, father of the subject of this review, was born in Rushville, Fairfield county, September 5, 1835, and spent a great deal of his time in this township where he owned an eighty-acre farm, also possessing a farm containing one hundred acres in Fairfield county and another embracing twenty acres in Truro township, Franklin county, and after a useful career devoted to agriculture he departed this life March 9, 1906, in Reynoldsburg, in which place he had been living in retirement. His wife, Mary Ann Harmon, is a native of Etna township, where her birth occurred in July, 1838, and a daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Myers) Harmon, natives of Maryland who with their parents settled in Lancaster, Fairfield county, this state, where they were united in marriage. Mr. Har-

mon, who later removed to Etna township, where he cleared and cultivated a farm, passed away here in 1859, when in his sixtieth year. They reared a family of seven children: Orphie, Jacob, John, Sarah, Mary Ann, James Charles and Jane. To Mr. and Mrs. Barb were born: Jane, wife of M. D. Brock, of Summit Station; Allen; Harry, a resident of Fairfield county; and Corrie, who lives in Reynoldsburg.

On his father's farm in this township Allen Barb spent his boyhood days and while assisting in the duties of the fields also attended the district schools, where he acquired his education. In 1878 he removed with his parents to their farm in Truro township, Franklin county, where he remained for ten years, at the termination of that time returning to his present place where he has since resided, cultivating one hundred and sixty acres of land located on the Hebron road, and here in connection with general farming he makes a specialty of dairying. This farm has always been in possession of the family and is bounded on the south by Fairfield county and on the west by Franklin county and, having had many years of careful attention it is in excellent condition and is one of the finest for the production of general crops in this part of the county.

In 1887 Mr. Barb wedded Elizabeth Bender, a native of Franklin county, where she was born September 15, 1866, and a daughter of Lewis and Helen (Ruppert) Bender, natives of Germany, both of whom passed away in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Barb have eight children: Frances, deceased; Eva; Lewis; Robert; Hazel, deceased; Lloyd, deceased; Ruth and Lawrence. Politically Mr. Barb is a strong prohibitionist and, believing that the prosperity of the country is more or less dependent upon the health and habits of its citizens and that the liquor traffic is detrimental and at the same time the arch degrader of morals, he stands on the side of those who are opposed to the manufacture and sale of intoxicants and, believing that the prohibition party must finally win, inasmuch as it is fundamentally right, he always votes that ticket and as far as possible uses his influence in the community to induce the citizens to espouse and advance its sentiments. He is greatly interested in the moral welfare of the neighborhood and, being upright in all his dealings and one who upholds all measures designed for the public good, he merits the reputation of being one of the township's most worthy citizens.

GEORGE W. VAN FOSSEN.

One of the venerable and honored citizens of Monroe township is George W. Van Fossen, who is now past the eighty-seventh milestone on life's journey. He was born October 11, 1821, in Bennington township, Licking county, and is therefore one of the oldest native sons living in this part of the state. Great changes have occurred within his memory. In his boyhood days the homes of the settlers were largely small log cabins scattered here and there in the midst of the dense forest, for the work of progress and improvement seemed scarcely begun. His parents, Jesse and Catherine (Greiner) Van Fossen, came to Licking county in 1811 from Augusta county, Virginia, and settled in Burlington township. All



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around them was the green woods and there were still many evidences of Indian occupancy in this part of the state. Deer and many kinds of lesser game were to be had in abundance and there were other evidences of frontier life here. Many of the now populous and enterprising and prosperous cities had not then been founded nor had the county organizations in many districts been effected. The Van Fossens resolutely took up the task of establishing a home on the frontier and became factors in the pioneer development of this part of the state. They had been married in Virginia, September 11, 1807, and two children were born unto them ere their removal to Ohio. George W. Van Fossen was the seventh in a family of thirteen children, nine sons and four daughters. Both parents have long since passed away, but during their life of activity they left the stamp of their individuality for good upon the community. The father was one of the first to begin clearing the land and in course of time became one of the large land-owners of the locality. He was a man of considerable influence, whose opinions came to be recognized as valuable concerning matters of public importance.

As a boy and young man George W. Van Fossen assisted in the arduous task of clearing the land and developing the fields. The forests were full of wolves and other wild beasts that frequently made the nights hideous with their howling. Game of all kinds was plentiful and the farmer boy was usually a hunter, early becoming skilled in the use of the rifle, his ability in this direction enabling him to keep the family larder well supplied with game. From his little log cabin home he made his way through the forest to another little log building, where he received instruction in the rudimentary branches of learning. In those days the requirements of teachers were not so rigid as at present and comparatively little instruction was given beyond reading, writing and arithmetic, and perhaps grammar and geography. Amid such surroundings, with plenty of hard work in the woods and in the cultivation of the fields, George W. Van Fossen grew to manhood.

On the 15th of April, 1847, he was united in marriage to Miss Fanny Lake, a daughter of Jesse and Elizabeth (English) Lake, who came to Ohio from the state of Virginia at an early date and settled near Zanesville. Six children were born unto them: Catherine, now the wife of Harmon Baker; James M.; Rovenna P.; Lucinda M., now deceased; Julia A., the wife of Horton Green; and one who died in infancy. James M. Van Fossen resides on what was formerly his father's farm, two miles north of Johnstown. In 1874 he wedded Miss Anna Tippy, a daughter of James and Levina (Green) Tippy, of Monroe township. Her father, who had attained the venerable age of eighty-two years at the time of his demise, was born, reared and died on the same farm. Mr. and Mrs. James Van Fossen have three children: Clyde, who is on the home farm; Delmon, a resident of Detroit, Michigan; and Stella, the wife of Frank Needles.

Mr. Van Fossen has spent his entire life in one locality. As the years passed he became a successful farmer and stock-raiser and was among the most active and influential men of the neighborhood, always progressive, while his influence has been of great good. In the evening of life he can look back over the past without regret and forward to the future without fear. He has the respect, confidence and good will of the people who have long known him. He has been straightforward in his dealings with his fellowmen, energetic and active in his business life and thoroughly loyal in all matters of citizenship. He has always

given his political allegiance to the democracy and still votes with that party. His memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present, for he has lived to see notable and remarkable changes here. In his youthful days there were no railroads, no mowing machines, harvesters, binders or threshing machines. The greater part of the farm work was done by hand, but invention has wrought a change in all this and in his farm work Mr. Van Fossen kept in touch with the trend of general progress and delighted in what was accomplished for the county's benefit and improvement.

JOHN WESLEY INNIS.

John Wesley Innis, a prosperous agriculturist of Etna township, now retired, who is the proprietor of what is known as the Summer Lee farm, on which he had for many years engaged in producing general crops and in stock-raising, was born near New Athens, Harrison county, Ohio, April 5, 1831, a son of Robert J. and Mary (Webb) Innis, natives of that county. His paternal grandparents, Robert and Mary (Lloyd) Innis, were natives of Pennsylvania and were stanch Quakers. In their family were eight children: James, Henry, Robert, John, deceased; Mary, Hannah, Katherine and Betsy. In the family of Robert Innis, Jr., were also eight children, namely: John Wesley; Hannah, who departed this life in childhood; Mary; Robert, of Columbus, Ohio; William, who met death from injuries received by falling from a tree; Jacob, who resides in California; Elizabeth; and Amy.

John Wesley Innis was but two years of age when his parents removed to Clinton township, Franklin county, Ohio, where they settled upon a farm containing one hundred acres, and there in the neighboring schools he acquired his education. He remained upon the home farm actively engaged in the pursuit of agriculture until he was twenty-four years old, but in the meantime taught school during the winter seasons and at intervals also traveled throughout several states, selling *The History of Slavery* and *The American Encyclopedia*. Subsequently he purchased a sixty-acre farm on the Westerville road, where he tilled his fields until the year 1867, when he established his residence at Wagram in Etna township. Upon his arrival here he purchased a farm of four hundred and fifty acres from Henry Miller, of Columbus, Ohio. At the time he negotiated for the land his sole capital was one thousand dollars while the price asked was twenty thousand dollars. However, he determined to take the risk and paid Mr. Miller all the money he had. In a short time after taking possession of the property he had cleared a portion which he disposed of at double the price he paid for it and there being on the remainder large forests of valuable timber, he manufactured it into flooring which he hauled fourteen miles to Columbus. To a Mr. Carlisle, who was at that time one of the most prominent contractors of Columbus, he disposed of one hundred thousand feet of white ash, the sale of this timber greatly decreasing his indebtedness and making the way clear to a full deed to the property. His farm now contains two hundred and six acres, all of which he has highly improved and upon which, together with other substantial buildings, he has an ele-

gant residence of modern architecture which is supplied with every modern convenience. He engages in general farming and stock-raising, paying particular attention to breeding cattle and sheep, having two hundred head of registered Merino stock and ten head of the finest specimens of milch cows. He also pays some attention to feeding cattle for the market. During the Civil war Mr. Innis, although he did not participate in any of the engagements of that strife, found time to aid his country and was called upon to serve for several weeks as a guard over the prisoners confined at Camp Chase.

On September 18, 1861, Mr. Innis wedded Caroline G. Allen, whose birth occurred January 18, 1838, and who departed this life December 8, 1871. They were parents of five children: Hattie, deceased; Annie May, who became the wife of Frank Brown, of Columbus, Ohio; William A., who died in infancy; James H., who met with an accident with a runaway team, which caused his death at the age of ten years; and Carrie O., who passed away in her twenty-third year. On April 16, 1872, Mr. Innis married Mary Etta Scofield, who was born in Etna township July 29, 1842, a daughter of Grant and Mary Ann (Parker) Scofield, her father having been a native of Washington county, New York, where he was born October 20, 1814, and his wife of Granville, this county, where her birth occurred May 20, 1821. They passed away here in their seventy-seventh and seventy-third years, respectively. In their family were five children: Henrietta, Mary Etta, Louis L., Horace G. and Caroline Belle. Mr. and Mrs. Innis have the following children: Nettie Belle; Mary, who became the wife of D. Willard Evans, residents of Jefferson township, Franklin county; and Byron S., who married Stella Richey, of Harrison township. He owns a fine residence in Wagram and operates his father's farm. Two sons, Charles and Lewis, departed this life in infancy.

Mr. Innis is a republican in politics and has taken considerable interest in local affairs, having been postmaster at Wagram for thirteen years, handling the mail at his residence for about ten years. He has also served as road supervisor and as a member of the school board. His long active career has been of great usefulness to the community, and he is known as one of the township's most prosperous and worthy characters.

LORA L. MARRIOTT, M. D.

Dr. Lora L. Marriott, a successful and well known medical practitioner of St. Louisville, was born in Eden township, Licking county, Ohio, September 18, 1870, his parents being George W. and Elizabeth (Larason) Marriott, the former a native of Licking county, and the latter of Knox county, this state. The mother was called to her final rest in 1874, but the father still survives and is numbered among the worthy residents of his native county. Unto this worthy couple were born two children: Amzi A., living in Columbus; and Lora L., of this review.

The last-named supplemented his preliminary education by three years' attendance at the high school and in 1892 he entered the medical college at Indianapolis, Indiana, from which institution he was graduated in 1896. Locating as a practi-

tioner at Hebron, he there remained six months and on the expiration of that period came to St. Louisville, where he has since been numbered among the prosperous and able representatives of his chosen calling. Moreover, he keeps in close touch with the progress made by the profession through his membership in the Licking County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is likewise surgeon for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad between Newark and Mount Vernon.

On July 22, 1897, Dr. Marriott was joined in wedlock to Miss F. Indus Madden, whose birth occurred at Reynoldsburg, Ohio, in 1877, her parents being Rev. T. N. and Virginia Madden. The father was born in Ohio in 1828 and the mother first opened her eyes to the light of day in Virginia in 1833. They are both still living and make their home in Hebron, where the Rev. Madden is still engaged in preaching the gospel. They became the parents of twelve children, of whom ten yet survive. Mrs. Marriott, who is a graduate of the Hebron high school, taught school for six years with gratifying success.

Dr. Marriott gives stalwart allegiance to the men and measures of the democracy and is at present serving as county coroner, which position he has filled for three years. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias lodge, No. 555, at Utica, has filled all the chairs in the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and likewise belongs to Maccabee Tent, No. 240, and the Modern Woodmen of America at Newark. Both he and his wife are devoted members of the Disciple church, and make their home in a commodious and attractive residence which the Doctor owns in St. Louisville. A man of genial nature and courteous disposition, he enjoys the kindly regard and esteem of all with whom he has been associated in professional or social relations.

EDSON POUND.

Among the industrious and enterprising agriculturists who have come from New York state to Newton township, Licking county, and have won prosperity in tilling the soil is Edson Pound, whose birth occurred in Orange county, New York, January 24, 1842, a son of Isaac and Sarah J. (Carr) Pound, who were also natives of the Empire state. In 1848 Isaac Pound took up his abode in Licking county, Ohio, purchased land and continued to make his home here until he passed away in 1894, at the venerable age of eighty-five years. His widow, surviving him for a number of years, was called to her final rest in 1903, when she had attained the age of eighty-nine years. Their family numbered ten children, namely: Joseph, of this county; Nelson, deceased; Henry S., living in New York; Isaac and Samuel, who have also passed away; Edson, of this review; Mary E., the wife of O. J. Green, of Licking county; Sarah E., who is deceased; Ellen, the wife of P. Atherlon, of Delaware; and Isabelle, deceased.

After acquiring his education in the common schools, Edson Pound was apprenticed to a carpenter with whom he learned his trade and, having become a journeyman, he pursued the occupation for a period of six years, when he went to Montana on a gold-seeking expedition and, after remaining there for about one year,

he came back home. Six weeks later he returned to his native state and secured a position as fireman on the Erie railroad, which position he held for about a year. Subsequently he came again to this county, locating in Newton township, where he has since engaged in general farming and stock-raising with the exception of four years spent in the general merchandise business in Newark. His farm consists of seventy-five acres of the finest valley land and from time to time he has put such improvements upon it in the way of buildings, machinery and drainage system as to make it one of the most productive farms in the county. Here he raises the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and at the same time gives some attention to stock-raising.

In 1866 Mr. Pound was united in marriage to Miss Dollie M. Stone, a native of Orange county, New York, and a daughter of Uriah and Mary (Dodge) Stone, a record of her father appearing in another portion of this volume. To this union was born a daughter, Clara G., who is deceased. Mrs. Pound having departed this life in 1872, Mr. Pound was united in marriage to Catherine J. Magill, a native of Newton township, where she was born October 2, 1852, and a daughter of John and Matilda Magill, her father having been a native of Pennsylvania and her mother of old Virginia. They came to this county at an early date and lived here until they entered into eternity, leaving a family of four children, one of which is now Mrs. Edson Pound.

Mr. Pound is a staunch democrat and one of the most pronounced in the county in the defense of its principles, to which he has given a profound and minute study which has long since brought him to the conclusion that they contain those policies best suited to establish the finances of the country upon a firm and immovable foundation and to insure the nation's permanent prosperity. He is one of the most active workers during election times and does all in his power by his vote and influence to put the candidates of his party in the offices they seek. He is an ardent church worker and, with his wife, attends divine services at the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a liberal supporter. Mr. Pound is an honorable man, highly respected throughout the community and one whose industry and example have done much toward preserving the welfare and interests of the township.

ISAAC NEWTON MILBURN.

Isaac Newton Milburn, a substantial farmer of Lima township and a veteran of the Civil war, is a representative of a pioneer family of this part of the state who trace their ancestry beyond colonial days. He was born in McKean township, November 13, 1834. He comes of English ancestry, his great-grandfather being a native of Londonbridge, England. The grandfather was John Milburn, a native of the Keystone state, who served five years in the Revolutionary war, in which he took part in seventeen battles and was wounded in the engagement at Brandywine. The parents of I. N. Milburn were Andrew and Elizabeth (Bowers) Milburn, who were natives of Greene county, Pennsylvania, where they were born on January 22, 1792, and August 12, 1799, respectively. There they were united in marriage in the year 1819 and in October, 1831, repaired to this county, locating in McKean township. Mr. Milburn purchased one hundred acres of timber

land for the sum of three hundred dollars and, having cleared off the tract, kept it under cultivation until he departed this life, August 5, 1858, his wife surviving him twenty-five years. He enlisted for military service during the war of 1812, but did not experience active service. Isaac Newton Milburn is one of ten children, the others being Uriah, Mrs. Mary Ann Critchet, Lucinda, John, Mrs. Rachel Commings, Mrs. Elizabeth Martin, Mrs. Rebecca Gosnell, all of whom are deceased; A. J., of St. Albans township; and Mrs. Sarah Ellen Harris, of Alexandria, St. Albans township.

After acquiring his education in the district schools of his native township, Mr. Milburn remained at home engaging in the duties of the farm until he enlisted, September 10, 1861, in Company H, Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain John H. Putnam, and served in the Army of the Cumberland, taking part in the battles at Stone river, Hoovers Gap, Dalton, Buzzards Roost, Missionary Ridge and in many during the Atlanta campaign. During his military career he was taken ill and was compelled to spend two months in the hospital at Nashville, Tennessee. Upon receiving his honorable discharge at Atlanta, Georgia, on September 19, 1864, he returned to Lima township, where he resumed farming, and after his marriage in 1865 he bought a dwelling at New Way, Liberty township, where he resided for several years and then returned to McKean township, where he remained until 1883, when he bought his present farm, consisting of seventeen acres located on Broadway, one mile east of Summit Station, Lima township. In addition to raising general crops he has paid considerable attention to fruit growing, making a specialty of strawberries, for the excellence of which product he is known throughout the county.

On February 9, 1865, Mr. Milburn wedded Jennie Rush, a native of Kirkersville, this county, where her birth occurred December 3, 1843, and a daughter of Benjamin and Katharine (Amspaugh) Rush, natives of Licking and Fairfield counties respectively. Mr. Rush departed this life before the birth of his daughter, Jennie, while his wife, who later was united in marriage to Serephus Martin, lived to the age of eighty-four years. By her first husband she had seven children, five of whom lived to maturity: Mary Elizabeth and Francis, both of whom are deceased; Benjamin, who served in the Seventy-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, deceased; George C., of Company B, One Hundred and Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, who lost his life in a battle at Shelbyville, Tennessee, July 1, 1863; and Jennie. Mr. and Mrs. Milburn are the parents of three sons and a daughter: Rev. Ulysses Sumner Milburn, who was educated at St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York, and is pastor of the Universalist church at Oneonta, that state; Florence, the wife of J. L. Converse, of Union county; Edwin Roy, clerk and freight agent for the railroad at Chicago Junction, Ohio, who wedded Laura Van Blarcom and has three children, Florence H., Leona M. and Ray; and John F., freight agent at the same place, who is united in marriage with Iva D. Snyder.

Mr. Milburn is a representative citizen of the county and throughout his life has been a staunch supporter of the democratic party, being a firm believer in the fundamental nature of its principles to which he has given thoughtful study and which he is convinced contain the secret of the nation's financial power and permanent prosperity. Being a deep student of economics and general political issues in relation to the welfare of the country, he has become profoundly conversant along these lines and has won considerable distinction as a writer of political

articles. He is a man of broad sympathy who looks upon the world with kindness, always labored for and desiring the best. He is actively affiliated with the Universalist church at Summit Station, which he assisted in organizing and of which he is clerk and a member of the board of deacons. He is a charter member of Baird Post, No. 653, G. A. R., of Pataskala, and was one of those who were instrumental in banding the comrades together in this organization. Mr. Milburn is a man of strong character who has not only labored industriously to increase his pecuniary interests but has, as well, marked out a way of uprightness in life and, as a consequence, is not only in prosperous circumstances but also enjoys the respect of the entire community.

DAVID McINTOSH.

David McIntosh, a prosperous farmer and representative citizen of Lima township, was born two miles and a half west of Newark on the Newark and Columbus road, March 20, 1833, a son of William and Jane (Wright) McIntosh. His grandfather, a native of Scotland and a weaver by occupation, went to Ireland in his early days and there spent the remainder of his life. In that country he married and reared a family of seven children, three sons and two daughters having departed this life there, while one daughter and one son settled in the new world. William McIntosh was born in Londonderry, Ireland, and died in this county in 1875, in his seventy-eighth year. With his first wife he came to the new world when twenty-four years of age, first settling in Virginia and later in Newark township, this county. He was a cooper by trade, and followed this occupation throughout his life. In Newark township his first wife passed away, leaving the following children: John, Robert, William, Mary, Mattie, Sarah, Emily, Evelyn and Eliza. His second marriage was to the widow of James Berry and a daughter of William Wright who, with his wife, came to this country from Ireland and settled in Pennsylvania, where Mrs. McIntosh was born. To this union was born the following children: Josiah; Caroline, deceased; Melissa, deceased; and David. Their mother departed this life in the year 1858.

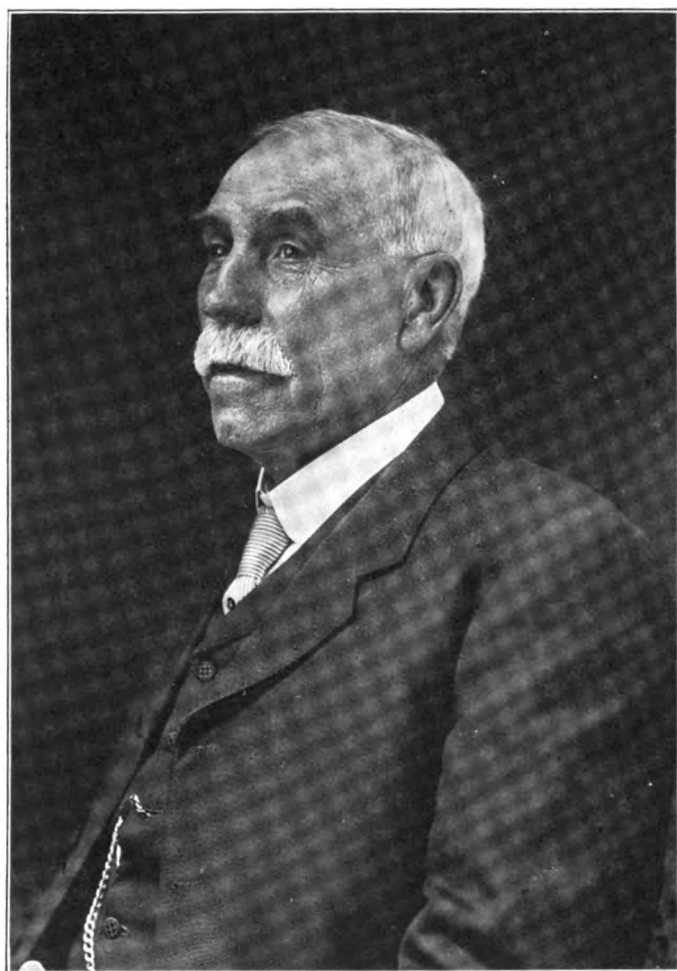
David McIntosh was a year old when his parents removed to the farm in Lima township. Almost the entire district at this time was thickly covered with forest trees, there being but small clearings surrounding the log cabins, which were scattered throughout the region. Here in the district school he acquired his education and then continued to live and work on his father's farm until the year 1893, also following the carpenter trade at intervals. He then purchased his present farm on the Broadway or Columbus and Newark road, midway between Summit and Pataskala. The farm contains about one hundred acres of highly improved land and in addition to a comfortable home, which was erected in 1869 by George W. Gilbert, there are also numerous outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock, and every convenience with which to successfully follow agriculture. Besides general farming, he has for the past ten years made a special feature of dairying and for this purpose keeps on hand a number of head of fine cows. He expects soon, however, to remove to Summit Station and turn his farm over to his son.

In the year 1857 Mr. McIntosh wedded Catherine E. Salts, who was born in Adams county, July 17, 1837, and came to this country in childhood with her parents, Andrew and Eliza (Neff) Salts. Her paternal grandparents were Hughey and Elizabeth (Hively) Salts, the former having been a soldier in the war of 1812. The mother of Mrs. McIntosh was a native of Fairfield county, Ohio, and a daughter of Christian and Betsy (Boos) Neff, natives of Germany, who became pioneer settlers of Fairfield county. Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh were the parents of the following children: Lottie, wife of Henry Looker, of Kansas; Belle, who wedded Richard St. Clair, of Mount Gilead, Morrow county, Ohio; William A., of Taylortown, Franklin county; Xenophan, of Newark; Laura, wife of J. T. Shawen, of Summit Station; Emma, deceased; Burt, of Taylortown, whose twin brother, Milton, died in his fourth year, in December, 1876; Charles, who passed away when six years of age in December, 1876; Herbert, who resides in Columbus, Ohio; Ernest J., of this township; Emerson Gail, of Summit Station; Reason Rexford, now married and on the home farm; and Elnora, now the wife of Jesse Dysart. Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh have twenty grandchildren and one great-grandchild. On June 11, 1907, they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary and on that occasion there were four hundred and fifty guests.

Mr. McIntosh has been a life-long democrat and since April, 1878, he has officiated in the office of justice of the peace, as candidate for which he has never had opposition, and in addition to having served the township as trustee he has for the past twenty years been a notary public. Since the year 1869 he has been a popular member of Lodge No. 404, A. F. & A. M., at Pataskala. He is a man whose enterprise and straightforward dealings have won him the respect of his fellow citizens, and the rest from business which he expects now to enjoy has been worthily gained.

J. MILTON WRIGHT.

J. Milton Wright well deserves mention in a history of Johnstown and Licking county. He was for a long period closely associated with the agricultural interests of this part of the state and his careful management of affairs brought him the success which he is now enjoying and which enables him to live retired. He was born April 11, 1838, in Liberty township, and is a son of Wade F. and Mary (Hultz) Wright. The father came from Vermont with his parents in 1816 and was a direct descendant of a distinguished English family, tracing the ancestry to Samuel Wright, whose family had a coat of arms. He came from England to Connecticut, where he arrived on the 16th of May, 1675, after having bravely faced the dangers incident to a trip across the ocean at that day. His grandson, Simeon Wright, valiantly espoused the cause of the colonies and fought for the independence of the nation in the Revolutionary army, while his son, Simeon Wright, Jr., was a captain in the Thirtieth United States Infantry in the war of 1812. The last named was the grandfather of J. Milton Wright. He married Miss Susanna Abbott, a member of a prominent English family, and removed westward to Licking county, Ohio, in 1816, where he located on a farm three miles from Johnstown.



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They made the journey on horseback and endured many hardships while on the trip, which was practically through an unbroken wilderness. In the midst of the forest they established their new home, becoming farming people of this locality. They prospered on the frontier, for they possessed a courageous spirit and willing hands, and bravely met the hardships and difficulties incident to frontier life.

J. Milton Wright in his youthful days assisted in clearing the land and in the general work of the farm, while his early education was acquired in one of the old-time log schoolhouses of the county. Later, however, he had the benefit of instruction in the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware. He then resumed farming and as the years passed met with success and made further investment in property. He now owns a fine farm in Liberty and one in St. Albans township and engaged extensively in general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. In more recent years he has largely put aside the work of the farm and makes his home in Johnstown, although he still supervises his farming interests and from the rental of his properties derives a substantial income each year.

On the 8th of May, 1890, Mr. Wright was united in marriage to Miss Rose Green, a daughter of Andrew C. and Matilda (Smart) Green, whose grandfather, George Green, came from Virginia and settled in what is now Monroe township, Licking county, in 1806. He built the first frame dwelling in this county at a time when Newark constituted only a few log cabins. One daughter has been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Eva L. The family home is a center in the social life of Johnstown and its hospitality is one of its most attractive features. Mr. Wright is a member of the school board. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, while socially he is connected with the Masons and with the Knights of Pythias and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, while its teachings have proved the guiding force in his life and the basic element in all of his honorable relations with his fellowmen. He is today one of the oldest native sons of the county, having for more than three score years and ten been a witness of the progress and development of this part of the state, rejoicing in what has been accomplished, while in his own business career he has won success that results from close application and persistent effort.

C. B. WILSON.

C. B. Wilson, well known as a successful and energetic agriculturist of Newton township, was born in Newark township, Licking county, Ohio, April 10, 1865, his parents being David D., who was born February 14, 1825, and Catherine (Dinsmore) Wilson, born May 24, 1825, both natives of this state. The father, who carried on farming as a life work, passed away in July, 1907, but the mother is still living in Newark township, having attained the age of eighty-three years. Unto them were born two children: one who died in infancy; and C. B., of this review. The last named obtained a good practical education in the public schools and after attaining his majority rented a part of the home farm, in the operation of which he was engaged for thirteen years. On the expiration of that period he bought the farm of ninety-six and three-fourths acres in Newton township, on

which he has since resided, having brought the fields under a high state of cultivation and development. He is practical in his methods and as the result of his well directed labor he yearly harvests good crops, for which he finds a ready sale on the market. April 29, 1890, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Ida M. English, whose birth occurred in Newark township March 1, 1867, her parents being Nathaniel and Margaret English, both of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Wilson was one of a family of six children and by her marriage has become the mother of two, namely: Ray, born September 9, 1892; and Delta Grace, who was born March 5, 1897, and passed away June 25, 1903.

Mr. Wilson is a stalwart democrat in his political views and has capably served as trustee. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons in Mary Ann township, being now junior deacon of the lodge. He also belongs to Modern Woodmen Camp, No. 4727, at Newark, and is serving as elder in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife is likewise a devoted member. Throughout their entire lives, or for more than four decades, they have been residents of this county and the regard and esteem which is uniformly accorded them is but a merited tribute to their genuine personal worth.

David D. Wilson was twice married. His first wife was a Miss Stewart. They had three children, two girls who died in infancy, and Isaac W., who resides on the old homestead in Newark township.

ISAAC R. THARP.

Isaac R. Tharp, a prominent and prosperous farmer of Lima township, has under cultivation a tract of land which his grandfather, who bore the same name, settled in the year 1820. His grandsire was a native of Hardy county, Virginia, born in the year 1796 and it was under peculiar circumstances that he came into possession of this tract of land, which contains one hundred and sixty acres and is located two and one-half miles north of Summit Station, on Summit road. This farm was considered a valuable portion of the district and among others, who wished to obtain it, was Leonard Lonis, who, knowing that Mr. Tharp was anxious to settle upon the tract, determined if possible to reach the land office at Chillicothe first and secure possession of the section and to this end, as soon as he had heard of the intentions of his competitor, he started out on horseback to accomplish his purpose. In the meantime Mr. Tharp was not slumbering and, upon learning that Mr. Lonis was about to make the trip to the land office, he too started out at the same time for that place on foot and, owing to the nature of the country, he was able to facilitate the journey by short cuts and succeeded in reaching the land office first and had just passed through the doorway when Mr. Lonis rode up. Mr. Tharp secured the tract of land and Mr. Lonis acquiesced and good naturedly located on the farm adjoining him. Mr. Tharp's first work on the new land was the building of a small log cabin, eight by twelve feet, in 1819, in the construction of which he was assisted by Andrew Beem, who owned an adjoining piece of property, and in May, 1820, he took up his abode on the farm. One year later Mr. Tharp returned to his native state, where he was married, and in the following spring he and his wife,

set out for Ohio on horseback, bringing with them all their effects. The journey was long, rough and arduous but, both being young and vigorous, they bravely met the hardships of the trip and of the nights when they were forced to camp out under the blue canopy, regardless of the variable weather, and finally reached their new home in safety. His wife was Mary Magdalen Swisher, whose birth occurred in Hardy county, Virginia, in 1798, and who departed this life on their farm in Lima township in the year 1865. The cabin which Mr. Tharp constructed was made out of pole logs, and in the year 1827 he replaced his first cabin by one made of sawed logs and in this building the couple lived comfortably until the year 1856, when he supplanted the old log cabin by the present more convenient and modern building. It is almost needless to mention that when Mr. Tharp settled on this tract of land it was in a wild state and that it required incessant application and hard work to clear off the timber and undergrowth and make the land fit for cultivation, but he finally succeeded and for many years conducted a general farming. He was a popular man in those days and noted not only for his progressiveness as a farmer but for his high moral character and his solicitation to contribute to the moral and spiritual uplift of the community. To this end he was always a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which for many years he was an enthusiastic class leader, the church he attended being located near his farm. A man of administrative ability and excellent executive judgment, he was chosen to serve as township trustee, in which capacity he officiated for several terms. He served throughout the War of 1812, having enlisted in a company from his native state. His family consisted of the following children: Katharine, who in her sixtieth year was united in marriage to James Banner; John, who was a blacksmith; Elizabeth, who wedded Washington Beem; Philip; Annie, who passed away when seventeen years of age; and Joseph, the father of Isaac R. Tharp.

Joseph Tharp was born on the old homestead in the year 1832 and, after having spent his entire life there in the pursuit of agriculture, he passed away in the year 1883. His wife was Mary E. Beem, to whom he was united in marriage, January 20, 1857, and whose birth occurred on December 16, 1832, in Jersey township, this county, her parents being William and Katharine (Rhoades) Beem. Mr. and Mrs. Tharp were the parents of the following children: William P., who resides in this township, four miles north of Pataskala, where he cultivates a fifty-acre farm; Margaret, widow of Adolphus Knoelke, of Jay county, Indiana; George, who cultivates a part of a tract of land originally settled by his grandfather; Anna, deceased, wife of Willard Schultz; John, of Summit Station; Ella, whose death occurred at the age of eighteen years; Richard, an engineer on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, residing in Newark; and Isaac R. Two members of the family died in infancy. Mr. Tharp was a member of the Methodist church, gave his political allegiance to the democratic party and for two years served as township trustee.

Isaac R. Tharp, of this review, was born December 23, 1859. After acquiring his education in the district schools here he remained on the home farm, engaged in its various duties, until he was twenty-one years of age, when he was married and started in business for himself. He first dealt in horses, which business he followed almost exclusively for a period of three years, when he began to devote more attention to general farming, in connection with which he made a specialty of breeding horses. For a while he rented the land which he cultivated and finally his success enabled him to buy two small farms, one containing twenty acres and

the other, forty-five acres, and these tracts of land he tilled until his father's death, when at administrator's sale he purchased the farm he now occupies and which was owned and cleared by his grandfather, Isaac Tharp, in 1820. Here he resided until the spring of 1906, when he left the farm and took up his residence at Summit Station and has practically retired from active life. His farm consists of one hundred and sixty acres of highly improved land and is provided with a comfortable dwelling house, barns, outbuildings and machinery requisite to successfully carrying on the work of the fields. Aside from this large tract of land he also owns fifty acres cultivated by his brother William and a number of valuable building lots in the town.

In 1881 Mr. Tharp wedded Martha J. Wolcott, a native of Lima township, where she was born March 11, 1859, and where she departed this life August 3, 1906. Her parents were Richard and Elizabeth (Smith) Wolcott. The father was born and died in Lima township. He was a son of Peter Wolcott, who in company with his brother came from New Jersey in the year 1816 and settled here. Mrs. Wolcott, the mother of Mrs. Tharp, was born in Jefferson township, Franklin county. Mr. and Mrs. Tharp have one daughter, Mary L., who is the widow of Ross Beals, and has one son, George M. In politics Mr. Tharp follows in the footsteps of his ancestors and gives his allegiance to the democratic party. He is a man whose excellent traits of character and progressiveness, have not only won him the respect of his fellow citizens but have largely enabled him to attain his present prosperity. The farm to which he has devoted his energy and out of which he has earned his comfortable circumstances, has never been out of the Tharp family since it was settled by his grandfather in the year 1820.

JOHN GLYNN.

John Glynn, who for many years practiced veterinary surgery in connection with following general agriculture in Liberty township, is also one of the most widely known men within the radius of many miles of his home because of his service as an auctioneer. His birth occurred upon the farm upon which he now resides on October 7, 1838. His parents were Edward and Elizabeth (Price) Glynn, both of whom were natives of Wales, from which country they came to the United States with their parents when children. His paternal grandparents were Edward and Sarah (Evans) Glynn. The former followed farming and stock-raising after coming to this country, and on departing this life left considerable property, the fruit of his many years of economy and labor.

The early days of John Glynn were spent on his father's farm where, during the summer seasons, he actively engaged in the work of the fields, attending the district school in winter. After completing his studies he remained at home, where he has since been engaged in general farming and stock-raising. In addition to producing the general farm crops, including hay and the various cereals best adapted to soil and climate, he is also well known throughout the country as a buyer and shipper of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. In connection with his farming interests he has also practiced as a veterinary surgeon, and while he is not a graduate of any medical institution, he has a liberal practice and has acknowledged

skill and success in the practice of his profession. As an auctioneer and sales crier he is one of the most efficient men in this part of the country and, this occupation having brought him in touch with almost every citizen in this and adjoining counties, he is perhaps one of the most widely known men in this part of the state.

On October 30, 1862, Mr. Glynn wedded Miss Elizabeth Ann Brown, a daughter of John and Eliza (Tiffany) Brown. They have one son and daughter: Price E., who was united in marriage to Miss Tillie M. Province, a daughter of Benjamin and Eunice (Cline) Province, resides with his father, where he is now actively managing the farm; and Eliza became the wife of Burt E. Shaub, a prosperous young farmer of this township. Mr. Glynn has always voted with the democratic party, in the affairs of which he has been very active, and has frequently been elected a delegate to the party conventions, while his son, who is also loyal to the same party, has been a member of the county executive committee for several years. Mr. Glynn has served as an efficient member of the school board and has been many times urged to become a candidate for higher political honors, but has repeatedly refused, owing to the pressure of his private business affairs. While he is not affiliated with any secret or fraternal societies, or with any religious denomination, yet he is a man of high character and noble principles, and is esteemed throughout the community.

PHILIP T. JONES.

Philip T. Jones, an enterprising and prosperous farmer of Liberty township, this county, and also well known in business circles, was born April 14, 1864, on the farm on which he now resides, and is a son of David and Eliza (Foster) Jones, his father having come to this county from Wales when a young man, settling in Granville. His mother came from England with her parents when she was but nine years of age, settling in this township. David Jones followed farming for a living and upon arriving in this county rented land near Granville. While at that time he had very little capital, by his industry and practical economy he soon prospered, from year to year producing profitable crops and gradually adding to his possessions until he became one of the largest land owners in the county. He lived on this farm, actively engaged in general farming and stock-raising, for forty-five years and departed this life October 13, 1889, his wife surviving him fifteen years.

Philip T. Jones was reared on his father's farm, engaging in the daily work of the fields and acquired his education in the district schools. After completing his studies there he pursued a course in the Johnstown high school, from which institution he was graduated in the year 1881. After he was united in marriage he left the farm and became a clerk in a general store of which his brother, Charles B. Jones, was proprietor, and in this position he remained for five years. He then accepted the position of general collector for the Singer Sewing Machine Company, in which he continued for two years, having his headquarters at Lima, Ohio, at the expiration of which time he returned to Alexandria, this county, and clerked in a general store of which the proprietors were Buxton & Vaness, with

whom he remained for five years, when the death of his father made it necessary for him to give up the position and take charge of the home farm, upon which he has since resided. He follows general farming and stock-raising and is a breeder of fine shorthorn cattle. His farm is acknowledged to be one of the finest in the county, all of its buildings being modern and in excellent condition, the fields being surrounded by first class fences and the entire premises at once suggested thrift and prosperity.

Mr. Jones, on April 15, 1885, was united in marriage to Miss Leah B. Mouser, a daughter of George W. and Emma (Shaub) Mouser. They have one son, Frederick T., who resides at home. Mr. Jones' political views are on the side of the democratic party to which he is loyal during national elections but reserves the right, in connection with minor elections, to cast his vote for the candidates whom he thinks best qualified to conserve public interests, regardless of party ties. For a number of years he served the township as a member of the school board and is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Jones is a man of high moral principle, of pleasant and genial nature and is held in high esteem throughout the community.

JOHN W. MYERS.

The Keystone state has furnished many excellent citizens to Ohio, among them being John W. Myers, who was born in Franklin county, that state, September 25, 1841, and for many years has been following farming in Etna township, Licking county, having been brought to Ohio in 1847, by his parents, Abraham and Maria (Wingerd) Myers, the family settling in Franklin county. His father and mother were also natives of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and passed away in Franklin county, Ohio, the former in his eighty-eighth year and the latter in her sixty-eighth year. They had reared ten children, namely: Nancy, deceased; John W.; Levi and Barbara, deceased; Abraham; Margaret; David, who has passed away; Mary; Daniel; Lizzie, deceased. Nancy, Levi and David, who were married, passed away within a few weeks of each other, dying of typhoid fever.

John W. Myers was a lad of but seven years when he went with his parents to Franklin county, Ohio, the trip, made with three two-horse wagons, covering fifteen days. The family settled on a farm located about two and a half miles south of Reynoldsburg and, after acquiring his education in the neighboring schools, he resided on the home place, assisting in the duties of the farm until he was married, when he purchased his present farm in Etna township, to which he removed in April, 1863, and has since resided here. His farm contains one hundred and three acres, situated about one and a half miles west of Etna on the National pike, and when he located upon it three-fourths of the land was thickly covered with forests and the remainder was in a swampy condition, no buildings having been erected nor improvements made. During the year of his arrival he built a small house in which he lived for a number of years and then erected the excellent residence which he now occupies. Moreover he has provided a substan-

tial and roomy barn and a number of other outbuildings and in addition has underlaid his land with a thorough system of drainage. The farm, being thoroughly cleared of all timber, is at present one of the most productive pieces of land in this section of the county. His property has greatly increased in value since he assumed occupancy, thus being enhanced by the fact that the Ohio Electric Railroad runs near by and one of the company's shops is also located in the vicinity of his land. General farming and stock-raising have commanded his attention all his life, and for many years he made a specialty of the dairy business, which proved to be lucrative but which he gave up several years ago. He has now practically retired from active life, his farm at present being under the management of his son-in-law.

In January, 1882, Mr. Myers wedded Anna Blouser, a native of Etna township, where her birth occurred in July, 1841, and a daughter of Daniel and Phoebe (Grimes) Blouser. They became the parents of a son and four daughters: Rev. L. B. Myers, pastor of an Evangelical church at Columbus, Ohio; Sarah Jane, the wife of Clarence Palmer, residing on her father's farm; Mary, who was united in marriage with Rev. G. F. Spring, an evangelist of the Evangelical church, whose present residence is in Fremont; Aquila, the first wife of Clarence Palmer; and Etta, who became the wife of Levi Stephenson, of Lima township. The mother died in her fifty-seventh year, and Mr. Myers, on April 7, 1900, was united in marriage to Eliza A. Smith, a native of Fairfield county, Ohio, and a daughter of Samuel and Esther (Connrad) Smith.

Mr. Myers has been a life-long supporter of the democratic party, with the principles of which he is heartily in sympathy, and since he cast his first vote he has been loyal to the party candidates and during campaigns has always been in evidence with his influence to secure their election. Local affairs have also elicited his attention and for eleven years he served as trustee of the township, also officiating as a member of the school board. He belongs to the Etna Grange and is also a member of the Brethren in Christ church, to which he is a liberal contributor. A man whose conduct has always been in harmony with high standards, his life has been useful in its influence and its activity.

CLARENCE W. WRIGHT.

Clarence W. Wright, prominent in the commercial circles of Utica, where he is largely interested in the furniture and undertaking business, is a native son, his birth having occurred in Utica, Licking county, March 19, 1854. His father, Samuel C. Wright, was born in Canada, and came to this county with his parents at an early date and, finally settling in Washington township, he followed the occupation of cabinet-making for a time and eventually established himself in the furniture and undertaking business, in which venture he was quite successful, continuing its conduct until he departed this life on May 5, 1906. He left a widow, Mrs. Roena (Fuller) Wright, a native of Utica, where she still resides at the age of eighty-three years, and two children: A. D., widow of M. McClelland of this place; and Clarence W.

At the usual age Clarence W. Wright was enrolled as a pupil in the public schools, where he acquired his education, remaining at home with his parents until he was married, at which period of his life he became associated with his father in the undertaking business and remained with him until 1882, when he removed to Michigan, where for a period of ten years he operated a large fruit farm which he still owns. Prior to becoming associated with the fruit-growing business he served three years as a drug clerk and after leaving his fruit farm he returned to Utica, where he purchased a half interest in the furniture and undertaking enterprise of his father, with which business he is still identified. This is one of the most prominent commercial concerns in the country and through the energy and careful management of Mr. Wright its volume of trade has been gradually increased, making it one of the most prosperous and influential business enterprises in the county.

In 1878 Mr. Wright was united in marriage to Miss Bell McClain, a native of Knox county, Ohio, where her birth occurred in 1853, a daughter of Elijah and Catherine McClain, both of whom are deceased. They had six children, one of whom was Mrs. Wright, who departed this life March 8, 1889, and was laid to rest in Granville cemetery. Politically Mr. Wright is affiliated with the republican party, to which he has always been loyal, and at present he holds the responsible office of city treasurer. Among the fraternal organizations with which he is associated are Lodge No. 496, A. F. & A. M., Lodge No. 777, I. O. O. F., and Lodge No. 555, Knights of Pythias. Mr. Wright has always been influentially associated with the business interests of Utica and, being a man who is straightforward in all his dealings and whose enterprise has contributed much to the financial standing of the city, he is accounted one of its most substantial and representative citizens.

HENRY B. RUSLER.

A spirit of indomitable enterprise coupled with a ready recognition of opportunities has enabled Henry B. Rusler to gain a position of prestige in business circles in Johnstown and this part of the county. He is today president of the Citizens Bank and interested in various industries which are not only a source of individual profit but are an element in the growth and progress of the city. He was born August 11, 1847, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Barrick) Rusler, who came to Licking county from Pennsylvania in 1844. His father was a prosperous farmer and stock raiser and the son was reared on the farm amid the refining influences of a cultured home, attending to such duties as usually fall to the lot of the farmer boy. His parents put a correct value on education and after the son had mastered the branches usually taught in the district schools he was sent as a pupil to the Johnstown high school, while later he had the advantage of instruction in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. After leaving the university he taught school for four years. He then engaged in merchandising in Johnstown, thus making his initial step in the commercial world and for several years he continued in that line of business. In 1877 he established



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a factory for the manufacture of pumps and this undertaking grew to considerable proportions under his leadership and is still continued as a successful enterprise of the city at the present time. Continually seeking out new fields of labor and broader opportunities for the exercise of his energy and industry—his dominant qualities—Mr. Rusler in 1898 joined Hon. William A. Ashbrook in organizing the Citizens Bank. They began a general banking business and the institution is today regarded as one of the safe financial concerns of the county. It is conducted as a private bank and of this organization Mr. Rusler has been the president and guiding spirit. He is a successful business man in various lines and his cooperation and counsel are eagerly sought in the conduct of many important business concerns. He is a stock holder in several industries and a large owner of improved real estate, mostly business property. These claim considerable of his time and in their management he shows keen discernment while in his purchases he has displayed sound judgment in placing much of his capital in realty, the safest of all investments.

While strictly a man of business and one who has wielded wide influence in commercial and industrial circles, Mr. Rusler is also an advocate of and believer in the good that comes through fraternal associations. He belongs to the Masonic Lodge and has attained the Knight Templar degree of the Commandery. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias and is an Elk, belonging to Newark Lodge. His religious faith is indicated in his membership and devotion to the Methodist Episcopal church, while his political allegiance is given to the republican party. Preeminently active, alert and enterprising, he has done much to bring Johnstown to its present important commercial position and takes a lively and helpful interest in every movement calculated to further advance its importance as a business center.

MORRIS GLYNN.

Morris Glynn is a native son of Licking county who for more than a half century has been tilling the soil in Liberty township, where he was born November 11, 1840, a son of Edward and Elizabeth (Price) Glynn, both of whom were natives of Wales and came to this country in their youth in company with their parents, both the Glynn and Price families having been prominent agriculturists and wealthy landowners of this state. Mr. Glynn, after a long and useful life, passed away in August, 1863, his wife, who survived him by twenty-two years, departing this life September 18, 1885.

Morris Glynn was reared on his father's farm, engaging in the work of the fields during the summer months and acquiring his education at the old log school-house of the neighborhood during the winter season. After completing his studies he still remained on the old home farm, which he inherited upon the death of his father. He has a number of acres of excellent land upon which, in the years gone by, every improvement has been made requisite to carry on the work by modern methods. It is provided with a comfortable dwelling, capacious barn, outbuildings, machinery and other conveniences necessary for the pursuit of agriculture. In addition to

producing hay and the various kinds of grain, he also engages to some extent in stock-raising, making it a point to handle only thoroughbred stock, in consequence of which he has gained quite a reputation for the superior grade of cattle, sheep and hogs he handles.

On October 21, 1867, Mr. Glynn was united in marriage to Miss Alice Jones, daughter of David D. and Eliza (Foster) Jones, the former of a most prominent and prosperous Welsh family of Liberty township. His wife, who has been his beloved companion for many years, departed this life November 6, 1884. Mr. and Mrs. Glynn have one daughter, Laura, who became the wife of C. L. Seville. They reside with her father, Mr. Seville assisting him in the management of the farm and the care of the flocks.

In politics Mr. Glynn is a democrat but while he is well informed on the political issues of the day and a loyal advocate of the principles of his party, he does not take an active interest in public affairs beyond casting his vote during elections for the candidates who are on the side of democracy. He is not affiliated with any fraternal societies or church organizations but he is an honest and upright man, having a multitude of warm friends, and is numbered among the exemplary and influential citizens of the community.

JOHN W. GREEN.

John W. Green, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Liberty township, is a descendant of one of the oldest, largest and most influential families of Licking county, his grandfather, Charles Green, having located here in the early years of the last century, in company with five brothers, all of whom were well known in agricultural circles and by their industry succeeded in acquiring a comfortable competence. Licking county, as well as the adjoining counties at that time, was in a wild state, covered with thick timberland and undergrowth, the plow being unknown to the soil. The brothers were among the early settlers by whose energies the land was improved and adapted for the production of general crops.

John W. Green was a son of Rignol and Belza Ann (Peters) Green, and is a native of Monroe township, where he was born March 30, 1849. He was reared on his father's farm and at intervals attended the district schools, where he acquired his education. He was born and reared to agricultural life and there is no phase or department of the business with which he is not familiar, for since the time he was able to handle the plow he has been active in general agricultural pursuits and at the same time in breeding and shipping stock. He now owns eighty acres of well tilled and well improved land which is stocked with a number of fine specimens of cattle, sheep and hogs. Although advanced in years, he still maintains a high degree of health and vigor and gives his attention to the active management of his affairs.

Mr. Green was twice married, his first union being with Miss Ella Tullar, a daughter of Henry and Jemimah (Thayer) Tullas, her father having been a member of one of the representative families of this county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Green were born thirteen children, namely: Winna M. and Lewis, deceased; Corwin; Jen-

nie, who became the wife of Otto Thorp; Mina, who is united in marriage to John Baker; Gertrude, the wife of Martin Disbennette; Ernest, deceased; Mary; Anna; Lottie; Roy; Henry; and Myrton. The mother having departed this life August 19, 1902, Mr. Green, on March 13, 1906, wedded Mrs. Anna (Willison) Everhart. Mr. Green supports the republican party. He has served the township as road supervisor and as a member of the school board, having for a number of years officiated as such. He is not affiliated with any secret societies or organizations, but being an honorable and upright man and an advocate of every measure which furthers the public good, he has won the confidence and respect of the entire community.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN STOVER.

Benjamin Franklin Stover, a veteran of the Civil war, who for many years has been identified with the agricultural interests of Lima township, Licking county, is a native of Violet township, Fairfield county, where his birth occurred December 15, 1843. His parents were Isaac and Mary (Houser) Stover, his father having been a native of Ohio and his mother of the state of Pennsylvania. They lived for a number of years in Franklin county, Ohio, where their deaths occurred, when they had passed the allotted limit of three score years and ten. They reared a family of nine children, six of whom lived to maturity. Two of their sons served their country throughout the Civil war.

After having acquired his education in the district schools Benjamin Franklin Stover engaged in the daily routine of farm life with his father until February 25, 1864, when he enlisted in Company D, Tenth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, and served with General Sherman throughout the Atlanta campaign, remaining in that command until the close of the war. During his military career he was taken ill in Maryland and sent to the hospital at Nashville, where he was compelled to spend some months, but after regaining his health he rejoined his regiment at Marietta, Georgia, and remained with it until he was mustered out, in July, 1865. Mr. Stover at once returned home and later engaged with his brother in tilling a rented farm in Etna township. He remained there for one year, when he was married and since that time has lived in Licking county. In the year 1869 he removed to Lima township and cultivated a farm one mile northwest of Summit Station. Here he tilled one hundred acres, carefully cultivating his fields until five years ago, when he removed to Summit Station, where he owns an attractive home in which he now resides.

Mr. Stover was united in marriage, March 15, 1868, to Miss Adeline McCray, a native of Violet township, Fairfield county, where her birth occurred June 20, 1847. Her parents were James and Orpha (Harmon) McCray, the former a native of the Keystone state and his wife of Violet township, Fairfield county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Stover have two daughters: Mary is the wife of William T. Swisher of Lima township, and they have four children: Nora C. is the wife of William Albery, and has one son, Carl S. Mr. Stover gives his political support to the democratic party, and has served the township for many years as trustee, school

director and road supervisor. He is a comrade of Baird Post, G. A. R., at Pataskala, and a member of Derthick Grange, No. 1621, at Summit Station. For the past twenty years Mr. Stover and his wife have attended services at the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a man whose high moral character and enterprise have made him a representative citizen while his intelligently directed effort has placed him in comfortable circumstances, amid which to enjoy his declining years.

ALLEN LONGWELL.

Allen Longwell, a prosperous farmer and progressive citizen of Liberty township, who is now cultivating the farm on which his grandfather, Adam Longwell, settled more than a century ago, was born here November 19, 1858, where he has since resided, engaging in general farming and to some extent in stock-raising. When his grandparent came to this region it presented a radically different appearance than it does now, with its broad acres covered with miles of furrows and waving with crops of hay and grain in the season, being in those days covered with timber and undergrowth and offering little of an inviting nature to the settler, who immediately could see that hard and persevering labor must follow in order to make the land arable and fruitful. But Adaniasia Longwell was of the generation of men who did not search for anything easy, but who looked ahead for that which would enable them to gain subsistence and lay by sufficient to support them independently in their declining years and, without thinking of the amount of labor they would be called upon to do, they were willing and ready to set to work at whatever might enable them to accomplish their purpose and provide for themselves and families. With a ready will, therefore, and youthful energy, the land was soon cleared off and made ready for the plow, and soon harvests were forthcoming to make amends for the long years of weary toil. On this piece of land he remained all his days and it was inherited by his son, Levi Longwell, who was united in marriage to Samantha White who, like himself, was a native of this county. He became a prominent farmer and died June 1, 1900, while his widow still survives. The living children are Allen and Bertha Longwell.

On his father's farm Allen Longwell was reared and in the district schools of the township acquired his education, after which he continued his agricultural pursuits and has since carried on general farming and stock-raising. His acreage is large and the soil of an excellent nature, and Mr. Longwell has paid particular attention to the adaptation of crops and from year to year has been successful in obtaining the full quota per acre, his harvests being such as to make him one of the substantial agriculturists of the county. His farm is equipped with every improvement,—a comfortable dwelling house, barns, outbuildings and machinery,—and the place comprises some of the finest tillable land in the county.

On September 2, 1879, Mr. Longwell wedded Miss Jennie Kirby, who departed this life October 5, 1891, and on December 9, 1898, he was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Graves, daughter of Valoris and Isabelle (Stone) Graves, of this county. They had two children, Harold, now going to school, and Ralph, who is deceased. Mr. Longwell gives close attention to the business of his farm and consequently the pressure of affairs affords him no time to devote to secret societies and he has not

affiliated with any fraternal organization. While he is a democrat in politics he has never been ambitious to hold public office, but is content with casting his vote for the candidates of his party. An honorable and progressive citizen, he is numbered among the agriculturists of the township who merit the confidence and respect of their neighbors.

JOSHUA S. ZARTMAN.

Joshua S. Zartman, a well known and prosperous agriculturist of Newark township, where he owns and operates a finely improved farm of one hundred and twelve acres, was born in Licking county, Ohio, January 30, 1845, his father being Joshua Zartman, of whom extended mention is made on another page of this work. He acquired his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority, when he rented a farm, in the operation of which he was successfully engaged for twenty-five years. On the expiration of that period he purchased his present farm of one hundred and twelve acres in Newark township, where he has since resided, having met with a gratifying and well merited measure of success in the conduct of his agricultural interests. The many substantial improvements on the property, including a commodious residence and all necessary outbuildings, stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise and he has long been numbered among the progressive and well-to-do farmers of the county.

In 1867 Mr. Zartman was united in marriage to Miss Jane Hornby, whose birth occurred in England in 1848, her parents being William and Margaret (Dales) Hornby, whom she accompanied on their emigration to the United States in 1860, the family home being established in Licking county, Ohio. William Hornby passed away in 1896, having for ten years survived his wife, who was called to her final rest in 1886. Mrs. Zartman was one of three children and by her marriage has become the mother of four, namely: William A., Frederick A. and Zoe Zephyr, all of whom are deceased; and Joshua Albert, a college graduate, who wedded Miss Florence Meed.

In his political views Mr. Zartman is a stalwart republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church at Newark, Ohio, with which his wife is also identified. Having resided in this county throughout his entire life for almost two-thirds of a century, he is largely familiar with its annals from pioneer times down to the present and is most widely and favorably known.

JOHN TIVIS McARTHUR.

John Tivis McArthur, who was numbered among the substantial agriculturists and worthy citizens of Lima township, laid down his life on the altar of liberty during the Civil war. His name is, therefore, on the roll of Licking county's honored dead and also on the list of those to whom the nation owes a boundless debt of gratitude for the loyal support which she received during the darkest

hour in the history of the country. Mr. McArthur was numbered among Ohio's native sons, his birth having occurred in Violet township, Fairfield county, June 15, 1820. His parents, Thomas and Nancy (Morton) McArthur were born, reared and married in Ireland and coming to America became early settlers of Fairfield county, taking up their abode in that district when the work of progress and development seemed scarcely begun. In their family were eight children: John Tivis; Columbus; Loami; William, of Utah; Hiram; Elizabeth; Katharine; and Rebecca Lane, of Topeka, Kansas. All are now deceased with the exception of William and Rebecca.

In the district schools John Tivis McArthur acquired his education and spent his boyhood days on his father's farm, the periods of vacation being devoted to the work of the fields. After putting aside his text-books he concentrated his energies upon the task of cultivating the farm, remaining on the old homestead until thirty-five years of age, when he removed to Columbia Center, Licking county, where he formed a partnership with his brother Columbus and conducted a general store for three years. On the expiration of that period the partnership was dissolved and because of his father's death John T. McArthur returned to the home farm which he superintended until it was sold. He then removed to Plain township, Franklin county, where he resided until March 11, 1864, when he, too, offered his services to the government, enlisting in Company A, Sixtieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He became ill while at the front and because of this was granted a furlough. He started on the return trip home but his physical condition compelled him to pause at Bellaire, Ohio, and there he passed away on the 7th of November. With the exception of the brief period devoted to merchandising his entire life had been given to general agricultural pursuits and his unfaltering industry, careful management and keen business ability have brought him a fair measure of success. He cultivated a fine tract of land which was well improved with modern equipments and he always took great pride in the appearance of the place, an air of neatness and thrift characterizing it in every department.

In 1855 Mr. McArthur was united in marriage to Miss Kate C. Whitehead, who was born September 14, 1835, on the farm where she now resides on the Johnstown and Wagram road. She has spent her entire life upon this place with the exception of a brief period. The farm now comprises sixty-four acres of rich and productive land but originally contained one hundred and fourteen acres. Mrs. McArthur is a daughter of Silas and Sarah (Parrott) Whitehead, the former born in Genesee county, New York, February 7, 1802, and the latter in Caldwell, New Jersey, May 15, 1804. Her father came to Ohio in 1812 with his parents, Asa and Abigail (Lacy) Whitehead, who settled in Plain township, Franklin county. There he was reared and married and in April, 1835, came to the farm which is now the home of Mrs. McArthur. He cleared the land and placed it under a high state of cultivation, making it his place of residence until his death which occurred January 23, 1892. His wife, Mrs. Sarah Whitehead, came to Ohio in her girlhood days with her parents, David and Rachel (Vreelan) Parrott, who were natives of New Jersey. Her father had served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war and the razor which he carried through that conflict is now in the possession of the McArthur family. On his arrival in Ohio he established his home in Muskingum county where both he and his wife passed away. Their daughter, Mrs. McArthur, then came to Licking county, residing with a sister in Jersey

township until her marriage. She was one of a family of twelve children: Caroline, the wife of Samuel Smeadley; Amanda, who became the wife of Benjamin Berse, a veteran of the Civil war; Rhoda, the wife of W. J. Beaumont; John, who loyally defended the Union cause in the Civil war and now resides in Lima township; Edward, a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana; Jane, twin sister of Edward and the deceased wife of Lewis C. Marsh; Kate C.; Peter, who served for nearly four years in the Civil war and is now deceased; Jesse, who resides with Mrs. McArthur; Adeline, deceased; Daniel D., who passed away in boyhood; and Eliza, the wife of J. N. Patterson, of Missouri.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. McArthur are: Charles Fremont, who resides with his mother; Jennie B., the wife of Hugh Taylor, of Jersey township; Agnes and David Reed, both at home.

Mr. McArthur gave his political allegiance to the republican party and exerted considerable influence in political circles. He was a man of high principles and moral worth whose life was in harmony with a lofty standard of manhood. Moreover he possessed a cordial, genial spirit that won him warm friends and he was justly classed with the township's representative citizens.

MRS. IVA W. HARRIS.

The lady whose name introduces this review was born in Monroe county, Ohio, October 10, 1841, her parents being Yearsley and Alice (Wink) Thornberg. The father, whose birth occurred in Washington, Pennsylvania, August 7, 1805, located in Monroe county, Ohio, in 1836 and there made his home until called to his final rest on the 29th of June, 1889. His wife, who was born in Vermont, June 11, 1811, passed away in Monroe county, Ohio, April 28, 1880. Their family numbered eleven children, eight of whom still survive.

In 1860 Iva W. Thornberg gave her hand in marriage to Stephen Huffman, whose birth occurred in Monroe county, Ohio, in 1831. He was a blacksmith and carriage maker by trade and was successfully engaged in those lines of activity until the time of his demise, which occurred February 8, 1882. In politics he was a stalwart democrat and took an active interest in public affairs but did not seek office as a reward for his party fealty. Unto Stephen and Iva W. (Thornberg) Huffman were born four children, namely: Emma and William, both of whom are deceased; Alice C., born in 1861, who is the wife of W. B. Vance, of Utica; and John H., who was born in 1863 and who is now engaged in the barbering business at Newark.

In 1890 Mrs. Huffman was again married, her second union being with Felix C. Harris, a native of Licking county, Ohio, his natal day being February 8, 1828. Throughout his active business career he was connected with agricultural pursuits and at one time owned fifteen hundred acres of land in Licking county, being widely recognized as a most prosperous and influential citizen. At the time of his death, which occurred October 12, 1902, he was the owner of two valuable farming properties, well stocked with cattle, which are now being operated by his widow. His political allegiance was given to the democracy and for six years he capably

served as county commissioner. His fraternal relations were with the Masons at Utica and he was a man who was highly esteemed and respected by all with whom he was associated. Throughout his entire life, covering seventy-four years, he was a resident of this county and was numbered among its most successful and worthy native sons. In the capable supervision of her deceased husband's business interests Mrs. Harris has shown herself to be a woman of superior executive ability, while her many excellent traits of heart and mind have won her an extensive circle of warm friends.

ALONZO BEEM.

Alonzo Beem, who has always resided in this county, engaged in farming pursuits, was born in Lima township, March 11, 1844, and his ancestors were early settlers of this part of the country, his paternal grandparents having been William and Katharine (Rhodes) Beem, the grandfather having come from Maryland to this township with his parents. He was among the early settlers of this part of the state and here reared fourteen children. The maternal grandparents of Alonzo Beem were John and Fannie (Brown) Myer, while his parents were George W. and Margaret (Myer) Beem, both of whom were natives of Jersey township, this county, the former born November 17, 1820, and his wife on July 25, 1825. There both resided until they were united in marriage, November 17, 1842, at which time they located on a farm in Lima township, where they spent their remaining days, Mr. Beem departing this life November 14, 1895, and his wife entering into rest June 25, 1854. He was known throughout the county as a prominent stock-raiser, and particularly as a cattle breeder, and at the time of his death he owned a farm embracing three hundred acres. In his family were five children: Alonzo; Minerva, who passed away in her twentieth year; George W., who died in infancy; Albert, who resides at Summit Station, this township; and John M. After the death of his first wife Mr. Beem wedded her sister, Julia Ann Myer, by whom he had one child, Alice D., who wedded Daniel H. Whitehead, and lives in Wichita, Kansas. His third marriage, which occurred March 18, 1858, was with Elizabeth Tharp, by whom he had three children: Sarah A. Headley, of Franklin county; Rosa L. Prior, deceased; and Ida E. Foster.

Alonzo Beem was educated in the district schools and reared on the home farm. Upon his marriage, in 1865, desiring to become independent in life, he purchased his present farm, where he has since been devoting his time and energy to raising general produce and to stock-breeding. His home farm embraces seventy acres of rich and productive land, and his place is provided with all modern improvements and conveniences with which to pursue his work. Aside from this farm he owns one containing one hundred and sixty acres in Phillips county, Kansas, which he also has under cultivation and which he has possessed for the past twenty years. He has been quite successful in all his undertakings and aside from his farming interests he is connected with a number of other enterprises, including the People's Bank of Pataskala, of which he is a stockholder.



MR. AND MRS. ALONZO BEEM

On October 10, 1865, Mr. Beem wedded Miss Mary Looker, a native of Rockingham county, Virginia, where she was born May 22, 1844, having come here in the fall of 1854 with her parents, John and Mary (Looker) Looker, both of whom were natives of that state where his nativity occurred March 25, 1806, and that of his wife on February 12, 1812. Both died in this township—in February, 1874, and February 25, 1882, respectively. They were of English extraction and related as third cousins. In their family were seven children, namely: Mrs. Katharine Wolcott, William, Rachel Ann, Thomas, and Margaret, all deceased; Mrs. Mary Beem; and John, who resides in Kentucky.

Mr. Beem's political views have always been on the side of the democratic party, and believing firmly in the wisdom of its policies he has always been enthusiastic during campaigns to secure the election of the candidates of his party, since in his opinion the principles of the democratic party embody those policies which alone can preserve the dignity of the nation's free institutions and so distribute wealth as to enable each individual to stand an equal showing in trade, commerce and industry. In local affairs he has taken considerable interest and for twelve years was township trustee, also serving as road supervisor and a member of the school board. He has always been industrious and enterprising and these qualities have not only enabled him to attain prosperity but also to do much toward developing the natural resources of the community. He is well spoken of by all who know him and enjoys the respect and confidence of his neighbors.

ROBERT B. STONE.

General agriculture and stock-raising have for a number of years claimed the attention of R. B. Stone of Newton township, Licking county, whose birth occurred in Orange county, New York, December 26, 1839. He was a son of Uriah and Mary (Dodge) Stone, both natives of the state of New Jersey, his father, who was a well known blacksmith, having departed this life in New York, where he had been plying his craft. In his family were ten children, namely: Harriett, who became the wife of Jacob Dunning, now residing in New York; Charles, also residing there; Clara, wife of Emery De Kay; R. B.; and six children who are deceased. Those who have passed away are: Elizabeth, who became the wife of David Carr; Mary A., who wedded George Hills; Sarah, the deceased wife of William O'Neil; James; Dolly, who was the wife of Edson Pound; and Angeline, who became the wife of George Barrett.

The common schools of his native place afforded R. B. Stone his education and upon completing his studies he was apprenticed to a blacksmith, with whom he learned his trade and, having become a proficient and skilled horseshoer, he followed that occupation in the county of his nativity until twenty-five years of age. In 1865 he came to Licking county, Ohio, and throughout the succeeding six years successfully followed his trade but subsequently became identified with general farming and stock-raising pursuits and has thus been connected with the agricultural interests of this county to the present time. In 1868 he bought the ninety-four acre farm belong to his brother-in-law, Archibald Lock, afterward adding to this

tract by additional purchase until the property now comprises two hundred and five acres, of rich and productive land. This is one of the finest and best-kept farms in the county, the many substantial improvements thereon indicating the supervision of a practical and progressive owner. While he raises large quantities of hay, wheat, oats and other grains, he pays particular attention to stock-raising, making a specialty of horses, keeping on hand only the finest breeds. Everything about his farm is indicative of thrift and progress and, aside from having a fine residence, the farm is also equipped with commodious barns, outbuildings, machinery and other conveniences with which to carry on the pursuit of agriculture by modern methods.

In November, 1865, Mr. Stone was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Lock, who was born November 25, 1847, on the farm which he is now cultivating. Her parents were William and Mary Lock, her father having been a native of Virginia and her mother of the Keystone state. He came to this county at an early day and located on the property which Mr. Stone now owns. To Mr. and Mrs. Stone were born: Nettie, deceased wife of Albert McMillen; Frank, at home; Clara, wife of Samuel P. Elliott; Grace, wife of Stanley Montgomery; and Edith. Mr. Stone's political views are in accord with the principles of the democratic party to which he has always been loyal and, being a man of excellent ability, he has been chosen to serve in many township offices. He has served as trustee for twenty-five years and also for a number of years as school director. Among the fraternal organizations with which he is affiliated is Lodge No. 464, A. F. & A. M., at Wilkins, in which he is an active worker and has passed through most of the chairs. Faithful to his religious obligations as well as to other duties he, with his wife, attends the Methodist Episcopal church, of which they are liberal supporters. Mr. Stone is not only an enterprising and industrious man but also an upright citizen and enjoys the confidence and respect of the entire community.

EDMUND BESSE.

Throughout his entire life a resolute purpose and firm determination have enabled Edmund Besse to accomplish what he has undertaken and in all of his business career there has been no esoteric phase. On the contrary his entire record has been characterized by uprightness and straightforward dealing and he is now largely living retired with a handsome competence acquired by his well directed labors in former years. Indolence and idleness, however, are utterly foreign to his nature and he yet devotes himself to some extent to business affairs, although he now has leisure for the enjoyment of such interests as bring him pleasure, rest and recreation. Mr. Besse is a native of Lima township, this county, his birth having occurred June 5, 1842, upon the home farm of his parents, Samuel B. and Sarah (Child) Besse. The father was born in Maine March 17, 1802, while the mother's birth occurred near Bangor, England, on the 7th of August, 1812. She came to Licking county as a young lady with her parents and her mother purchased one hundred acres of land near Columbia Center, which is now a part of her farm. Samuel B. Besse also arrived in Licking county in his youthful days, coming to Ohio with his parents, Samuel and Rebecca Besse, the former a native of Maine.

born April 19, 1772, while the latter was born December 17, 1773. Following their removal westward they remained residents of this county until their life's labors were ended in death. Their children were Alden, John, Andrew, Samuel B., Henry, Sophia, Sally, Mary, James M. and Rebecca. Reared to the occupation of farming, Sammuel B. Besse, the father of our subject, continued to engage in that pursuit throughout his entire life, with the exception of a short time during which he drove a stage, and became known as one of the representative and progressive agriculturists of the community. He died here July 30, 1857, while his wife long survived him, passing away March 19, 1875. Their family numbered five children, Alden, Clarissa, Edmund, John and Sarah Ann.

Edmund Besse remained upon the home farm until 1866 save that in the meantime he rendered valiant aid to his country by active service on southern battle fields. On the second of May, 1864, when twenty-one years of age, he enlisted in the Union army and was assigned to duty with Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Baird. His term of enlistment was for one hundred days and in September, 1864, he was honorably discharged. He then continued to operate the home farm for his widowed mother for several years. On the 24th of November, 1867, he was married and for a year thereafter lived upon the old homestead.

As a companion and helpmate for life's journey Mr. Besse chose Miss Maggie Farthingham, who was born in Hebron, Ohio, October 9, 1838. She lost both her parents when only three years of age and the family scattered among strangers. She was a daughter of Edmond and Elizabeth Farthingham, pioneer residents of Licking county, who came to Ohio from Middletown, Pennsylvania. Their family numbered four children, James, Eliza, Edmond and Mrs. Besse. As stated, Mr. and Mrs. Besse began their domestic life on the old homestead farm and for a year Mr. Besse turned his attention to the butchering business and for five years engaged in hauling meat to Columbus. Later he established a general store at Columbia Center and continued the business for fifteen years with creditable and gratifying success. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode on a farm near Columbia Center and carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1906, when he removed to Summit Station and built his present home which he has since occupied. He is now largely living retired here although to some extent he assists his son in the store and also conducts a coal business. His life has been one of intense and well-directed activity and his prosperity has resulted entirely from his own efforts.

In his political views Mr. Besse has always been a republican, giving stalwart support to the party which was the defense of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war and has always been the party of reform and progress. He has never sought nor desired office and yet in matters of citizenship he has always been progressive, supporting many measures for the public good. Unto him and his wife have been born two children, but the younger, Harry, who was born October 16, 1870, died April 7, 1871.

The surviving child, Samuel B. Besse, is now well known as a merchant and postmaster at Summit Station. He was born in Lima township, July 15, 1868, and has resided in this township throughout his entire life save for one year spent in Plain City. Since the 1st of February, 1893, he has been postmaster and merchant, conducting a general store in which he carries a large and carefully selected line of goods to meet the varied demands of the general trade. On the 4th of September,

1890, he wedded Miss Sarah E. Boner, a native of this county, and a daughter of William and Sarah (Holler) Boner. Unto them have been born five children: Gloria, Samuel B., Byron E., Julia M. and Welmond, who died in infancy. Samuel B. Besse is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Summit Station and is interested in all that pertains to the moral, intellectual, political and material welfare of the community. He has served on the board of education and during his incumbency in the office the township high school was built at Summit Station. Progressive, alert and determined, he accomplishes what he undertakes and in matters of citizenship as well as in business is extremely practical. His well directed activity is being crowned with success and as a representative citizen of this part of the county we present his record to our readers.

DR. SAFETY S. RICHARDS.

Among the members of the medical fraternity who are highly respected for their services in Lima township is Dr. Safety S. Richards, who for many years has been in the active practice of his profession in Summit Station. He was born in St. Albans township, this county, December 15, 1851, and was a grandson of Andrew and Rebecca Richards, natives of the state of Maryland, who passed away in this county, and who were the parents of twelve children, Mrs. Richards on four occasions having given birth to twins. All the children lived beyond maturity and were exceptional for their strength and stature, Ephraim Richards weighing two hundred and twenty-five pounds and his twin brother in the neighborhood of two hundred pounds. The parents of Dr. Richards were Ephraim and Margaret (Lusk) Richards, the father being a native of Baltimore county, Maryland, where his birth occurred in 1812, and the mother of Fairfield county, Ohio, where she was born in 1818. With his parents Ephraim Richards came to this county in 1820 and located near Linnville, in Bowling Green township, where he followed farming and stock-raising for many years. During the war he had five hundred head of sheep for which he received one dollar and five cents per pound. His death occurred in St. Albans, in 1896, his wife departing this life eighteen months later, in the year 1898. Ephraim and Margaret Richards were the parents of the following children: Samuel, a veteran of the Civil war, who served in the One Hundred and Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and who passed away in 1862; Harvey, who met death on his fiftieth birthday while participating in a barn raising; Patrick, who resides in Jersey township; Mrs. Cordelia Whitehead, deceased; Mrs. Savella Buxton, deceased; and Dr. S. S. Richards.

In the district schools of his native township the Doctor acquired his preliminary education and after completing a course in the Pataskala high school he began the study of medicine, in 1876, at the Columbus Medical College, from which institution he was graduated in 1879. Through the subsequent ten years he engaged in the practice of his profession at Outville, this county. At the expiration of this period he entered Hahnemann Medical College, of Chicago, Illinois, where he took a special course and was graduated in the year 1890, after which he became a physician in a hospital. Upon the termination of his services there he located in Jersey township, where he practiced medicine until 1904 but during that year, owing to

ill health, was compelled to leave his profession for several months, which he spent on a farm until he had recuperated. He then located at Summit Station, where he has since been practicing and has acquired a gratifying patronage.

On January 1, 1879, Dr. Richards wedded Miss Mary E. Steen, who was born April 25, 1852, in Columbiana, Ohio, a daughter of W. D. and Rebecca (Gearhart) Steen. Her father, a native of this state, departed this life in Cincinnati, and her mother, of New Jersey, passed away in Mahoning county, Ohio, leaving four sons and two daughters. Dr. and Mrs. Richards are parents of the following children: Clifford, deceased; Perry Herbert, who was born in 1881 and resides in Reynoldsburg, Franklin county, with his wife, Ethel (Rodebaugh) Richards, and one child, Delores L.; Clarence Ralph, who was born in 1883 and resides with his wife, Laura (Sayre) Richards, at Summit Station; and Eva B.

The Doctor is a member of the County, State and American Medical Societies, and also belongs to Center Lodge, No. 326, A. F. & A. M., of Johnstown; Jersey Lodge, No. 523, I. O. O. F.; Euterpean Lodge, No. 471, Daughters of Rebekah; Cedar Camp, No. 727, M. W. A., of Newark; Daisy Camp, No. 2574, Royal Neighbors of America; and Derthick Grange, at Summit Station. From the year 1880 to the year 1890 he officiated as infirmary physician, this being the longest period of service in that capacity of any member of the medical profession. In politics the Doctor is a democrat and being profoundly impressed with the fundamental nature of the principles of that party, and believing them to contain the secret of the country's financial welfare, he uses his vote and influence during campaigns to aid its candidates in securing office. His religious convictions become apparent upon mention of the fact that he holds membership with the Disciples of Christ. He is a man of scholarly attainments and studious habits and is in every way qualified for the vocation he follows, his long years of practice in this township serving as a witness to his usefulness as well as to his popularity as a physician.

NOAH E. HARRIS.

Among the energetic and respected farmers of Liberty township, Licking county, who have made a specialty of stock-raising, perhaps none is better known than Noah E. Harris, who has attained a wide reputation throughout this and adjoining states as a breeder of thoroughbred Poland hogs. He made the breeding of this class of animals a salient feature when he first started in business and he is now a recognized authority. He was a son of Andrew J. and Mary A. (Oldacre) Harris, his parents having been natives of Mary Ann township. His father departed this life in May of the year 1905 and his mother on February 9, of the same year, both having passed away in Liberty township. The former was among the early settlers in this part of the state and it fell to him as one among many to clear off the land and put it into a fit state for cultivation. He lived here all his days, actively engaged in agricultural pursuits, and always sustained a worthy reputation for industry, enterprise and nobility of character.

On his father's farm Noah E. Harris was reared and in his boyhood days pursued the general routine of agricultural life and acquired his education in the district schools during the few months of the winter season. His educational advantages

were few but, although he did not have the greater opportunities afforded by learning, yet, he possessed enterprise, perseverance and patience, which are of greater worth and which have stood him well in the battle of life and enabled him to fight off discouragements and from year to year draw forth from the soil its harvests and finally attain to his present prosperous condition. Having completed his studies he remained on the home farm for thirty years, during which time he acquired a thorough knowledge of the various departments of the work, and in the year 1885 purchased the farm on which he is now located and on which he has since engaged in the production of general crops and stock-raising, giving special attention to breeding the highest grade of registered thoroughbred Poland hogs.

On October 11, 1882, Mr. Harris wedded Miss Carrie E. Snyder, a daughter of Joseph and Rebecca (Philbrook) Snyder, and to this union were born Essie M., who became the wife of John V. Simmons; and Hazel E., who lives with her parents. Mr. Harris is among the intelligent, practical and enterprising citizens of the community and has always manifested such characteristics as to win him the friendship of his neighbors and to cause him to be numbered among the county's representative men.

JACOB O. HARRIS.

Jacob O. Harris, who since 1897 has capably served in the position of postmaster at Utica, was born in Burlington township, Licking county, April 15, 1846, his parents being Elza P. and Sarah A. (Hanger) Harris, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Knox county, Ohio. Mr. Harris traces his ancestry back to an old Virginia family.

About thirty miles from Winchester, Virginia, near the head of Lost River, stands the town of Woodstock, which became famous during the late war for the defeat of Early, by Sheridan's Cavalry, and known thereafter as "The Woodstock Races." Here on the 14th of January, 1776, was born William Harris, and on the 10th of May following was born Hannah Pugh. On the 23d of June, 1803, these young people were united in marriage. Here were born three children, Esther in 1804, Jesse in 1806 and Elza in 1808, Esther dying at the age of one and one-half years, Elza dying in October, 1862, while the date of Jesse's death is unknown. In 1809 this brave young mother, after shedding bitter tears over the mound which covered the first born little daughter, with her spinning wheel and what provisions she could pack, mounted her horse, carrying one child, while the father cared for the other, and the cooking utensils, started out to carve a new home for themselves in the wilderness. They traveled for over three hundred miles through the almost unbroken forest, resolutely following the "Star of Empire" until they arrived at what was known thereafter as the Harris homestead, in January, 1810, having endured hardships of which we can have no conception. Here were born Alfred in June, 1810, who died at the age of fifteen; William Harvey, born January 12, 1813, died December 5, 1904, aged ninety-one years and ten months; Amos, next, in 1815, then Daniel in 1818, who has been dead some thirty years, and Mary A., born 1821, who lived but three years. The

aged mother, born before the Declaration of Independence, lived almost long enough to hear the joy bells ring out for the nation's hundredth birthday. With the death of Amos Harris April 25, 1907, at Croton, Licking county, the last link is broken which united two generations covering a space of one hundred and thirty-one years. They lived their lives, they lived them well and have earned their meed of rest.

Elza P. Harris accompanied his parents on their removal to Licking county, Ohio, in 1810 and purchased the farm on which the birth of his son, Jacob O., occurred. He was successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career and his demise occurred in 1862, while his wife survived him for a number of years, being called to her final rest in 1884. Unto this worthy couple were born nine children, namely: one who died in infancy; Jacob O., of this review; E. M., a resident of Utica; A. J., who is deceased; Mary E., also living in Utica; Harriet E., the wife of J. B. Haden, of Mount Gilead, Ohio; Rebecca, the wife of Joseph Martin, deceased; and two who passed away in infancy.

Jacob O. Harris acquired a common-school education and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. Subsequently he farmed a portion of the homestead on shares for about fifteen years and on the expiration of that period took up his abode in Utica, where he has since resided. On his arrival in the town he took up the trade of carpentering, with which he was connected until 1897, in which year he received the appointment of postmaster under President McKinley and has held the position to the present time, ever discharging his duties in a prompt and efficient manner. He is a stockholder in the Licking Window Glass Factory and is likewise the owner of some fine residences in Utica. Public-spirited, progressive and enterprising, he is well known and highly esteemed as a representative and substantial citizen of his native county.

A staunch republican, Mr. Harris has taken an active and helpful interest in the local work of the party, his fellow-townsmen calling him to various positions of trust and responsibility. He has served for three years as constable, was on the city board for two years and in 1890 acted as census enumerator of Washington township. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church. The name of Harris has now figured prominently in the annals of this county for almost a century and he whose name introduces this review is a worthy scion of his race, having ever borne an unassailable reputation for loyal citizenship, as well as unquestioned integrity and honor.

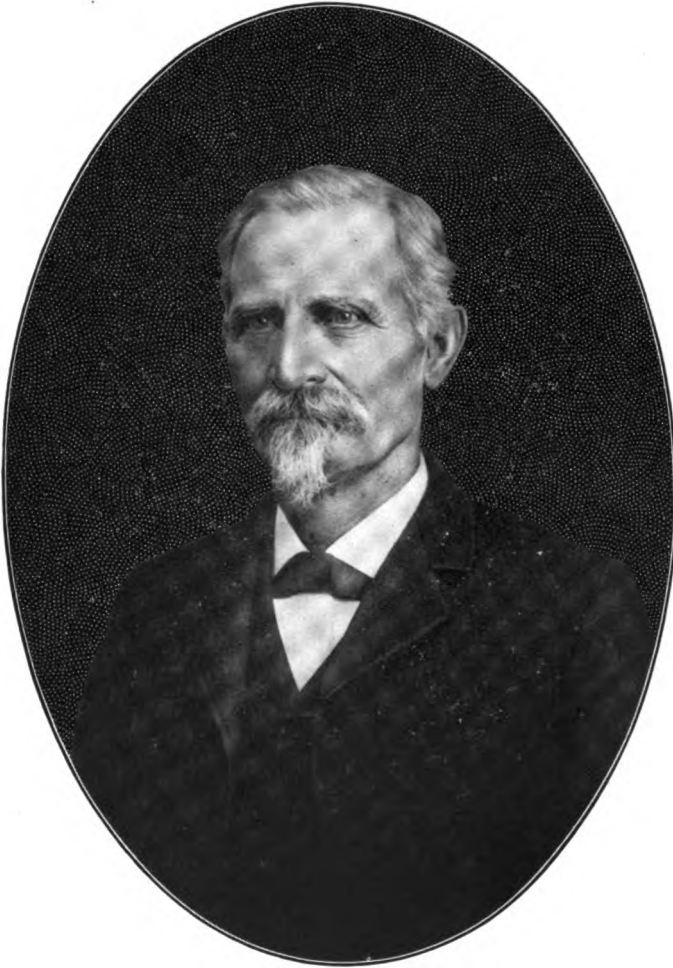
REV. CHARLES H. A. WATTERSON.

Rev. Charles H. A. Watterson, pastor of the church of the Blessed Sacrament at Newark, was born in Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh, a son of William and Elizabeth (Cummins) Watterson. His early education was acquired in the parochial schools, while later he attended St. Charles College near Ellicott City, Maryland, also Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary at Emmitsburg, Maryland. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1894 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by his uncle, the

late Rt. Rev. John A. Watterson, Bishop of Columbus. His first pastoral charge was that of assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Cathedral, in Columbus, where he officiated for six years. He was then made pastor at Cambridge, Ohio, presiding over the church there for three years, after which he was transferred to his present charge at Newark, becoming pastor of the church of the Blessed Sacrament. He organized the parish here and built a handsome combination parochial school and church, the grounds, buildings and furnishings costing in round numbers about forty thousand dollars. He is doing an extensive work here in building up the Catholic interests of the community, and is popular among all classes, being well known and highly esteemed in Newark as one whose labors are proving an element in the moral progress of the city.

ELI HULL.

No history of Licking county would be considered complete were there failure to make extended mention of Eli Hull, who has now passed the eightieth milestone on life's journey, but is yet an active factor in the world's work in various lines of activity. All through his life he has been a most progressive man, hesitating not to take a forward step when his judgment has indicated that it would be a wise one. He has been the pioneer in many works of substantial improvement and progress here and has done much toward shaping the policy and molding the destiny of the county, especially along lines of its business development. He was born in Hopewell township, Licking county, December 16, 1828, his parents being Samuel Benton and Elizabeth (Sain) Hull, natives of Virginia and Baltimore, Maryland, respectively. The Hull family in America is descended from three brothers of the family who came to the United States while this country was still numbered among the colonial possessions of Great Britain. They settled in New England and two of the brothers remained in that part of the country, while the third member made his way later to Virginia, and it is from him that this branch of the family descended. The city of Hull, England, was founded by the ancestors of our subject. In the year 1807 Elizabeth Sain, then a young lady, left Maryland with her father, mother and the other members of the family for the frontier country of Ohio. They had heard reports of a very rich district in this state—a location four miles east of Thornville, in what is now Perry county. Already quite a settlement had been established there and block houses had been built to guard the settlers against Indian attack. When Mr. and Mrs. Sain left their Maryland home with their family, the latter rode one horse and her daughter, afterward Mrs. Hull, rode another, the two women carrying the smaller children on the horses with them. The father and the older sons walked the entire distance, crossing the Alleghany mountains, to their new home in Ohio. The journey of six hundred and fifty miles was made by following a blazed trail, for at that time there were no wagon roads through the virgin forests. In 1808 Samuel Benton Hull, also hearing of this rich country, turned his face westward and joined the Ohio settlement. Here he formed the acquaintance of Elizabeth Sain and in 1810 they were united in marriage, beginning their



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domestic life upon the frontier amid pioneer environments. They had no money with which to buy supplies and indeed there was little coin or currency in the entire district, everything being barter and exchange. A trading post at Zanesville furnished the supplies for the community and the merchants took in exchange cattle, hogs, wheat or whatever the purchaser had to offer. Prices for farm products were low, but all merchandise sold at a high rate, calico being worth fifty cents a yard, while wheat was quoted at but twenty-five cents per bushel. The first dress which Mr. Hull ever purchased for his young wife was secured at Zanesville at the rate of two bushels of wheat for one yard of calico. The first money of consequence which he received was obtained with the gathering and sale of ginseng, which then grew in abundance here. Later the settlers cultivated and raised tobacco, which was then dried in a kiln and transported by wagon to Baltimore, whence it was exported to Germany and there used in coloring fine silks. All live stock had to be driven across the country to Baltimore, Maryland, until the completion of the Ohio canal, when much of it was shipped by water, this being regarded as a quicker and safer means of transportation.

In the year 1814 Samuel B. Hull removed with his family to Licking county and continued to make it his home until within three years of his death, when he became a resident of Columbus, Ohio, where he passed away in 1880 at the advanced age of eighty-two years. He had long survived his wife, who died in 1856 at the age of sixty years. In early life he was a democrat and cast his first vote for Andrew Jackson and again voted for him at the time of his second election. Subsequently he became a stalwart whig and later a freesoiler, while on the organization of the republican party to prevent the further extension of slavery, he joined its ranks and continued one of its advocates until his demise. He was a man of much intelligent ability and took an active and helpful part in promoting educational interests. He believed in employing competent teachers and maintaining good schools and labored earnestly for that purpose even in pioneer times. He was a man of much influence in his locality and his opinions carried weight among his fellow citizens. He always labored for progress and advancement and stood for improvement ahead of many men of his day.

Eli Hull was reared at home amid frontier surroundings, pursuing his education in a log schoolhouse, such as was typical of the time. He studied his lessons while seated on slab benches in a little room in which light was admitted through greased paper windows. There was an immense fireplace in one end of the room and the methods of instruction were quite primitive. There were no text-books, the younger scholars using a sheet of paper on which was printed the alphabet and this was pasted on a small paddle. Because of his own lack of education, the father desired that his children should have good opportunities in that direction and taught them reading, writing and the four rules of arithmetic, and all through his life Eli Hull has remained a student, learning in the school of experience and gaining many points of practical knowledge as the years have gone on. At fifteen years of age he was proficient enough to teach a country school and followed the profession for four months at fifteen dollars per month, boarding with his father. The following winter he went to Delaware, Ohio, where he attended the Ohio Wesleyan University for six months. He boarded himself, paid his tuition, bought his books, met all other expenses during that

period out of sixty dollars that he had received for his four months' teaching. The following winter he received sixteen dollars per month for a four months' term of school and again he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, where he remained for another term. He continued teaching during the greater part of the time for eight years, but believing that there was more money to be made in other fields of business, he turned his attention to farming and also took up the manufacture of stoneware. In 1853 he removed to Newark and engaged in the real-estate business, with which he has been prominently identified for the past fifty-five years. He platted and laid out fifty-two acres on West Main street in 1890 and has handled much valuable property and negotiated many important realty transfers. In the meantime he had also extended his efforts to other fields of labor. In 1856 he developed the industry of extracting oil from cannel coal mined by him on his property on Flint ridge in this county. He was the first man in the world to extract oil from coal and was in a fair way to make a fortune when the great Pennsylvania oil fields were discovered. In 1887 he began mining bituminous coal at Shawnee in the Hocking district and he was the first man in the world to develop his mine, take out coal and haul it from the mines by the aid of electricity. He has recently erected one of the finest business blocks in Newark—a building containing six stores and erected entirely of reinforced concrete. This is the first structure of the kind in Newark. All these things will show that Mr. Hull has ever been in the van of progress, being a leader in many movements wherein others have followed. His financial success is justly merited, for it has come to him as a reward of earnest, persistent labor and his utilization of opportunities that others have passed by heedlessly.

In 1849 Mr. Hull was united in marriage to Miss Jemima Neal, a daughter of Captain John and Mary Neal, of Perry county, Ohio. They have three children: Fannie M., the wife of Louis F. Carl, of Newark; Laura M., the wife of W. W. Wehrle, also of Newark; and Joshua M., at home.

In his political views Mr. Hull has long been a stalwart republican, and prior to the organization of the party, which he aided in founding, he was one of the original abolitionists, opposing the cause of slavery at a time when it was very unpopular, if not hazardous, to do so. He has long been a consistent and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and his life record well entitles him to the high regard and good will of all who have known him through a busy, active and useful life, covering more than eight decades.

BRUCE E. MONTGOMERY.

Bruce E. Montgomery, who is one of the best known stock men in Liberty township, and descends from a pioneer family of Licking county, was born December 28, 1856. His grandparents, William and Margaret (Grimes) Montgomery, settled in this county during their younger days and were among others through whose efforts the crude soil was first broken and the region was converted into the fruitful fields which appear on all sides today. The grandfather was one of the pioneer stock dealers of the west, made the first shipment of horses from this portion of the west

and besides was the owner of vast tracts of land in this state. Samuel and Mary (Seymour) Montgomery were the parents of the subject of this review, and the father for many years was well known as a stock dealer here, and was considered one of the finest cattle buyers in the western part of the country. He possessed over two hundred acres of land and during his day was a man of considerable prominence and influence.

Bruce Montgomery, who was one of a family of ten children, all of whom settled in this county and five of whom are still living, remained on his father's farm until he was twenty-four years of age, in the meantime acquiring his education in the district school. After he was united in marriage he settled on a portion of his father's home farm, where he now resides, being actively engaged in general farming and making a specialty of breeding registered Shropshire sheep, which he raises for breeding purposes, specimens of which he has sold in every township in the county and in almost every county in the state, having also shipped quite a number to various portions of adjoining states. In this line of business he is one of the most successful men in the county, his long experience making him an acknowledged authority on the various breeds of sheep.

On September 23, 1888, Mr. Montgomery was united in marriage to Miss Ada Saxton, a daughter of Charles and Anna (Robinson) Saxton. Her father's people came from England and her mother came from Staffordshire, England, with her parents in 1807, being at that time but two years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery was born one son, D. Ralph, who, on October 25, 1906, wedded Miss Esther Alberty, a daughter of Seth Alberty of Jersey township, the couple residing with his father.

Mr. Montgomery is a republican in politics and both he and his son take an active interest in party affairs and for many years he has served the township efficiently as a member of the school board. Mr. Montgomery is a member of Johnstown Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and his son belongs to the Knights of Pythias. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery are faithful to their religious obligations and are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is one of the most intelligent and enterprising men of the vicinity and always lends his coöperation to any movement which will tend toward the public good, while his excellent qualities of character give him high standing as a citizen of the township.

REV. MICHAEL SCHLEIFFER.

Rev. Michael Schleiffer, who for twenty-two years was the efficient pastor of the St. Johns German Evangelical church, of Newark, Ohio, from which he retired to private life in 1906, was born in Alsace, Germany, October 5, 1858, a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Pfeifer) Schleiffer, who spent their lives in that province, where they departed this life. Rev. Schleiffer is the youngest of a family of seven children, six of whom remained in their native land.

In his native land Rev. Schleiffer received his preliminary education at the common schools and was then entered as a student in the theological seminary at Basel, Switzerland, where he completed a divinity course and, upon his graduation in the year 1881, came to the new world and located in Coshocton county, Ohio,

where for a period of three years he ministered to the church of his denomination. Resigning the pastorate there in 1884, he came to this place to take charge of St. Johns German Evangelical church, to the congregation of which he ministered until the year 1906, when after a useful and successful pastorate of twenty-two years he resigned his charge and retired to private life.

In 1882 Rev. Schleiffer was united in marriage to Louise Guyaz, a native of Russia, where her parents for seven years lived with a Russian count and, when their daughter was about four years of age, removed to the German province. Rev. and Mrs. Schleiffer are the parents of: Martha, wife of A. Priest, of Mansfield, Ohio; Carl, of this township; Frieda, who wedded Rev. Beckmeyer, of Van Wert county, Ohio; and Paul, Louisa, Theophil, Lydia, Olga, Oscar and Ruth, all of whom are at home. Rev. Schleiffer's first child was born in Coshocton county and his other children are natives of this place.

Since his retirement Rev. Schleiffer purchased the Smart homestead, on Forry street, his residence being an elegant brick structure surrounded by beautiful grounds and located in the suburbs. During his career as a clergyman in the city he has always kept the higher traits and qualities of Christian character in evidence and has contributed largely not only to the moral and spiritual growth of the congregation to which he ministered but his influence has also made a lasting impression upon the community. Although he has retired from the ministry yet he is always willing and ready to continue his Christian work and serves as a supply when needed in the pulpits of Newark, Columbus and other nearby places. His long years of activity as pastor of the Newark congregation tell better than words of the beneficial nature of his services and of the esteem in which he is held by the members of the church whose pulpit he has filled and also by the residents of the community.

WILLIAM FREDERICK WULFHOOP.

Licking county has been signally favored in the class of men who have occupied its public offices, for in the great majority of cases they have been citizens of business ability and of notable devotion to the general good. Classed with these is William Frederick Wulfhoop, now city auditor, clerk of the council and clerk of public safety in the city of Newark. His birth here occurred on the 22d of October, 1875, his parents being Henry and Mary (Oster) Wulfhoop, the former a native of Hanover, Germany, and the latter of Wurtemberg, Germany. The father was born June 21, 1829, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. In 1849, on his arrival in this country, he located in New York city, where he was employed in various ways for seven years. In 1856 he came to Newark and some time later went into partnership with his brother-in-law, William Vogelmeier, in the brick manufacturing business. This plant was reorganized and converted into a modern plant, thoroughly equipped with the latest modern machinery in 1905. It is today operated by three sons of Mr. Vogelmeier. Henry Wulfhoop withdrew from the business in 1873, and turned his attention to the grocery trade in the present location of the grocery store owned by William Vogelmeier, Jr. There he conducted a successful

business until 1891, when he sold out and retired from active life, spending his remaining days in the enjoyment of well earned rest. He was a democrat in his political faith, and a Lutheran in his religious belief. He not only belonged to the church, but was also a charter member of the Druids, was a charter member of the German Benevolent Society, and a charter member of the German Insurance Society of Newark. One of the progressive German citizens, he made his influence felt in the early business history of the city, and in large measure contributed to its substantial growth and improvement, so that when in January, 1904, he was called to his final rest, the county mourned the loss of one of its representative and valued residents. His wife, who was born in 1833, came to America in 1853 with her parents and their family. They did not tarry in the east but made their way at once to Newark by way of the old canal from Cleveland. Her father, Christopher Oster, was killed on the railroad crossing in this city in 1875. Mrs. Wulfoop is still living, and makes her home at No. 43 Clinton street, where the family has resided since the father's retirement from active life.

No event of especial importance occurred to vary the routine of life for William Frederick Wulfoop in his boyhood days. He attended the public schools and divided his time between the pleasures of the playground and various duties assigned him by his parents. After leaving high school at Newark he became a student in Professor Beene's Business College, and in 1893 entered the county recorder's office as deputy county recorder, in which position he capably served for six years. In 1900 he was elected constable of the city of Newark and the township, and in 1903 was reelected to the office. On the expiration of that term he engaged in the cigar business, but a year later sold out to Ott Vogelmeier. Again he was called to public office in 1907 when he was elected by the city council to the position of clerk, and was also selected for the clerkship in connection with the board of public safety. On March 27, 1909, after an illness of two weeks Frank T. Maurath, city auditor, died. The mayor, Herbert Atherton, appointed William F. Wulfoop to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Maurath, and he is now actively engaged in the duties of that office. He is now acting in these capacities, is systematically and methodically discharging the duties of these offices, and at all times is prompt and reliable.

Mr. Wulfoop is a member of the German Benevolent Society and likewise belongs to Minnewa Tribe, No. 52, I. O. R. M. He is also connected with Newark Lodge No. 391, B. P. O. E., Licking Aerie No. 387, F. O. E. He also belongs to St. John's Lutheran church, in which he is serving as trustee. The community recognize in him one of the leading and progressive men of Newark, well deserving of mention in this volume.

SAMUEL WILLIAMS.

Samuel Williams, who for many years has been reaping bountiful harvests from his farm in Newton township, this county, was born in Newton township October 22, 1847, a son of Ewen and Nancy (Prigg) Williams. His father, a native of Wales, came to the new world with his parents when he was seven years old, locating in this county where he devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and stock-

raising. In his family were six children, namely: Mary, who became the wife of John Ashelman, who resides in Newark; Samuel; James, who lives in this county; John A., of Newark, Ohio; Hiram and Albert, both deceased. Their father departed this life in the year 1886, having survived his wife by three years.

On the home farm Samuel Williams was reared, engaging in agricultural pursuits during the summer and in the winter attending the district schools where he acquired his education. Remaining under the parental roof until he was twenty-one years of age, he then hired out as a farm hand for two years, one of which he spent in Crawford county, Illinois. After his marriage he rented a farm for ten years, during which time he met with splendid success and from year to year his harvests were such as to enable him to lay by sufficient means with which to purchase one hundred and fifty acres, the tract of land he now cultivates, in Newton township. In addition to raising large quantities of hay and grain he engages to some extent in stock-raising and keeps on hand a number of head of the finest breeds of cattle, sheep and hogs.

Mr. Williams was united in marriage to Miss Mary Hendricks, a native of West Virginia, and one of a family of eight children. To this union have been born four children, namely: Rose, wife of Clyde Montgomery, of this county; Nannie, deceased; Harry, who resides in Licking county; and Oran, who is deceased. Mrs. Williams departed this life August 12, 1888, leaving her husband and two children to mourn her loss and to perpetuate the blessed remembrance of her usefulness and motherly kindness.

In politics Mr. Williams is a democrat and while he does not take an active interest in public affairs yet he keeps abreast of the times as to the paramount issues before the country and is always ready with his vote and influence at the polls to endeavor to secure the election of the candidates of his party. He has served the township in a number of useful offices, including that of school director, in which capacity he has officiated for two terms. Although Mr. Williams is not affiliated with any particular church body he is always ready to assist in the promotion of religious movements and is charitable toward all church organizations. He is a man of high moral character, having the entire respect and confidence of his neighbors.

ADDIS L. WILLISON.

Farm life offers advantages for a useful and successful career peculiar to itself and naturally preserves and cultivates a state of contentment, which is for the most part not in the possession of those who are born and reared amid the bustle and activity of urban existence. While the lad, who has spent his boyhood days at the plow and in performing the general duties incumbent upon one engaged in agriculture may not be familiar with the general run of city life yet for this he is all the better off since his mind is kept free from the manifold temptations and evils common to crowded centers and is on the other hand given to a thoughtfulness which usually concentrates itself upon the high and noble in human character and develops a manhood which to one's self is ultimately far more satisfactory than city life, with

its sham and allurements, can offer. There is scarcely any doubt of the fact that rural life is in every sense the most elevating and as well independent and indeed after all he, who has been reared amidst its freedom and has spent his life in tilling the soil and turning it into wealth, is to be envied for the peace and happiness with which he is continually surrounded and as well for the industry and perseverance which must needs be manifest in his daily tasks. Agriculture has always been the pursuit of Addis L. Willison of Liberty township, whose birth occurred on August 14, 1851, in Hartford township. In general farming and stock-raising he has met with splendid success and is recognized as one of the most substantial and prosperous men in the community.

Mr. Willison was one of ten children born to Oliver and Roanna (Iliff) Willison, natives of Perry county, this state, who in their early days located in Licking county on a farm where they still reside, the father still engaging in active labors. Here Addis B. Willison's childhood was spent and during the summer months he assisted his father in the daily routine of the farm and during the winter attended the district schools, thus acquiring his education. Since completing his studies he has since been giving his attention to the cultivation of hay and grain and also stock-raising.

On November 13, 1884, Mr. Willison wedded Miss Emma Duke, daughter of George and Charlotte (Lewis) Duke, natives of Monroe township. Immediately after their marriage he and his wife settled on their farm, containing one hundred and sixty-one acres, where they have since resided. The property presents a neat and well kept appearance, being provided with a comfortable home, barns, outbuildings and all conveniences with which to successfully pursue agriculture. Mr. Willison is well known and highly respected throughout the community and the favor in which he is held is manifest by the fact that he is now serving his eighteenth year as treasurer of the township, on the school board of which for several years he also officiated as a useful member. He belongs to White Cross Lodge, No. 308, K. P., in Johnstown, in the affairs of which he takes an active interest. Politically he is a democrat, believing thoroughly in the principles of his party, and during campaigns he is enthusiastic in his endeavors to win success for its candidates. Mr. Willison is in every respect an enterprising and aggressive man and one whose uprightness and excellent business judgment enable him to court the respect of his fellow citizens and be accounted among the representative men of Liberty township.

ANDREW JACKSON BLINE.

A. J. Bline, who is devoting his time and energies to the cultivation and improvement of a farm in Newton township, was born in Licking county, March 23, 1841. His parents were Jacob and Elizabeth (Frederick) Bline, who are mentioned on another page of this work.

A. J. Bline obtained his education in the common schools and remained at home until he had attained the age of thirty-three years. March 26, 1873, he was united in marriage to Miss Libbie E. Stewart, whose birth occurred in Licking county March 20, 1836, her parents being Alexander and Fannie (Evans) Stewart. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Bline, who was a weaver by occupation, was one

of the first settlers of this county. Alex. Stewart, the father, was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and when two and a half years of age was brought by his parents to the new world. His wife, a native of Pennsylvania, came to this county when there was but one shingle roof house in Newark. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were born eleven children, of whom Mrs. Bline is now the only survivor. The father passed away at the age of fifty-nine years but the mother, long surviving him, attained the venerable age of ninety-six years.

Subsequent to his marriage Mr. Bline rented a part of his father's farm, but in 1874, bought his present place of thirty and a half acres in Newton township, which he brought under a high state of improvement and in the cultivation of which he has been successfully engaged to the present time. His place has a well kept appearance and the fields annually bring forth rich crops, for the work of plowing, planting and harvesting is systematically done, due attention being given to the condition and quality of the soil.

In his political views Mr. Bline is a stalwart democrat, but has no desire for the honors or emoluments of office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his private business affairs. He belongs to the Grange and his religious belief is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church. His wife is connected with the Methodist Episcopal denomination. Mr. and Mrs. Bline are unassuming and companionable people. They stand among the first in the county for integrity of purpose and general high character. They have, moreover, witnessed the development of this part of the state from a pioneer region into a rich agricultural district and have taken an active part in the arduous toil which was necessary to bring about this wonderful transformation.

WILLIAM D. FULTON.

William D. Fulton is practicing at the Licking county bar as a member of the law firm of Fulton & Fulton. Moreover, he is a public-spirited citizen concerning whom many tangible evidences may be given of his interest in municipal affairs and his co-operation in the general advancement and welfare of the community, his latest work of this character being in connection with the Newark library, of which he was the originator and promoter.

Mr. Fulton is one of the native sons of the county, his birth having occurred in Homer, May 27, 1863. He pursued his studies in Olivet College, Olivet, Michigan, and was graduated from Denison University, Ohio, in 1883, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. For one year he was engaged in teaching school and then took up the study of law in the office of Hon. J. B. Jones, being admitted to the bar in 1886. He has since been engaged in practice in Newark and a liberal and growing clientage has been accorded him. His legal learning, his analytical mind, the readiness with which he grasps the point in an argument, all combine to make him a strong, forceful lawyer, while the public and the profession acknowledge him the peer of the ablest representatives of the legal fraternity in Licking county. In 1888 he was elected city solicitor and the capability with which he discharged his duties during his first term was indicated



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in his re-election in 1890, so that he remained the incumbent in the office for four years. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have frequently called him to positions of public trust. He served for three years as city school examiner and was also a member of the city council from the second ward. He takes a most active and helpful interest in public affairs and has not only co-operated in many measures for the general good, but has instituted various plans and projects whereby Newark has been greatly benefited. He originated the plan for the Newark library which was opened in August, 1908. He has also been a very progressive member of the Board of Trade and through that avenue has aided largely in securing the location of a number of factories in this city, thus promoting its industrial development. He introduced the bill in the city council for closing the old canal in the city and the work is being done.

On the 3d of November, 1883, Mr. Fulton was married to Miss Josephine M. Wintermute of Licking county, and they have five living children, Bertha, William D., Martha, Frances and Margaret. The family is one of prominence and their beautiful home is the scene of many attractive social functions. Theirs is one of the finest residences in Newark, and in addition Mr. Fulton owns much very valuable property including a number of store buildings, residences, vacant lots and six hundred and thirty acres of choice land. His investments in real estate have been judiciously made and they constitute important features in his annual income. Socially Mr. Fulton is connected with the Elks, the Woodmen, the Red Men and the Camels. His associates in these orders find him a generous, courteous gentleman who holds friendship inviolable. He is justly accounted one of the prominent and representative citizens of Newark and Licking county. Possessing a broad, enlightened and liberal mind, his has been an active career in which he has accomplished important results, contributing in no small degree to the expansion and material growth of the county, and from which he himself has also derived substantial benefit.

WILLIS R. PECK.

Willis R. Peck, who was for a number of years well known throughout the state as a heavy poultry shipper and who is now devoting his attention to general farming in Lima township, Licking county, is a native of Harrison township, where his birth occurred November 4, 1858. His paternal grandparents were Solomon and Elizabeth (Nutt) Peck, in whose family were eight children, including Dexter Peck, whose birth occurred at Topsham, Vermont, April 25, 1833. He was only five years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio, the family home being established in Harlem township, Delaware county. There amid pioneer conditions he was reared to manhood but when a young man came to Licking county and spent his remaining days in agricultural pursuits in Union and Harrison townships. He wedded Miss Comfort Parkerson, who was born in Etna township, Licking county, and was a daughter of John and Mary (Slack) Parkerson. Her father's birth occurred in Sawley, England, July 25, 1793, while his wife was born in Pennsylvania about 1796. John Parkerson, the grandfather

of Mr. Peck, was one of a family of seven children, namely: Martha, John, Samuel, Ann, William, Thomas and Edward. With his parents, John and Anna Parkerson, the grandfather, John Parkerson, crossed the Atlantic to Connecticut about 1800 and on leaving New England became a resident of Zanesville, Ohio, where his marriage was celebrated. He served his adopted country as a soldier of the war of 1812, holding the rank of colonel. Following his marriage in Zanesville he removed to Licking county and for some time resided in Etna township, and thence went to Union township, but his last days were passed in Kirkersville, this county, where he died when about eighty years of age. His wife passed away in 1874.

Following his marriage Dexter Peck established his home on a farm in this county and throughout his remaining days devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits in Union and Harrison townships. In his chosen life work he met with gratifying success and at one time was the owner of about three hundred acres of rich and productive land but divided this with his children. He died upon the home farm upon the day following the seventieth anniversary of his birth, while his wife died in 1886 at the age of fifty-two years. He was a member of the Kirkersville Baptist church and in early life gave his political allegiance to the democracy, while later he became a supporter of the republican party. Unto him and his wife were born six children: Perry, of Harrison township, this county; W. F., deceased; Willis R., of this review; Mary J., who has passed away; Anna V., the wife of Charles Camp, of Lima township; and Loren B., of Harrison township.

When Willis R. Peck was about a year old his parents removed to a farm two miles north of Outville, Harrison township, and there he resided until he was married, in the meantime acquiring his knowledge of husbandry under the instruction of his father and during his boyhood days taking advantage of the educational opportunities of the district schools. After his marriage he purchased sixty-seven acres of land on York street, on which he remained actively engaged in general agriculture, and to some extent in stock-raising, until the year 1903, when he sold his farm and purchased one hundred acres of land located three miles and a half north of Pataskala on the Green Church road. His place, which is known as Maple Grove farm, is highly improved, being provided with substantial buildings, and is as productive a plot of land as can be found in this part of the county. While residing in Harrison township Mr. Peck dealt extensively in poultry, which business he followed for more than eleven years, and during one season shipped east forty-five thousand pounds and had on hand at one time eight hundred head of turkeys and his last shipment of chickens was twelve hundred. Aside from engaging in the various departments of general farming he pays a great deal of attention to stock-raising, making a specialty of breeding high grade sheep. Aside from his home interests he owns a valuable lot on Lake Higgins, Michigan, and is a stockholder in the Pataskala Oil Company.

On September 9, 1880, Mr. Peck wedded Emma Artz, who was born in Harrison township, September 29, 1855, and resided there, on a farm two miles east of Pataskala, until her marriage. She is a daughter of Henry and Katherine (Fisher) Artz. The father was born in Woodstock, Virginia, July 4, 1825, and in 1827 was brought to Harrison township by his parents, Jacob and Sarah Artz, who bought six hundred acres of land adjoining the Disciple church property and

there erected a small house in which they spent their remaining days. Henry Artz now resides in Union township, this county. His wife was a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, where she was born October 3, 1815, and where her parents departed this life. She came here when a girl, having made the trip, covering two hundred miles, on horseback and all the education she received was that which she obtained at Sunday school but if she was not possessed of learning of the schools she was gifted with a strong constitution which stood her well in the battle of life and she could shear sheep with as great dexterity as a man and also worked as efficiently in the field. She departed this life near Fredonia, McKean township, December 29, 1891. In her family were five children, namely: Sarah Frances, who became the wife of John Holler, of Granville; Almeda Katharine, who was united in marriage to Thomas Pierce, both of whom are deceased; Lewis Fisher, of McKean township; Emma; and Henry Wishard, who resides in Liberty township.

In 1900 Mr. and Mrs. Peck went to Virginia and visited the burial place of her great-grandparents, Jacob and Mary Artz, who in their day were wealthy and possessed large tracts of land near Woodstock, and much of interest was found about the birthplace of his father-in-law, where many relatives are now residing. Mr. and Mrs. Peck are the parents of four children: Zelma I. is the wife of J. H. Wells, of Harrison township, and they have three children, Lewis E., Edna B. and Helen F.; Lester Roy, residing in Lima township east of Summit Station, wedded Ethel Cooper, and they have one son, Sherman; Gladys Ethel, and Russell B. reside with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Peck also lost three children: Marion Dale, who passed away in his third year; Marie Pearl, who died in infancy; and Glenn-dolyn C., whose birth occurred October 4, 1893, and who departed this life August 13, 1908.

Politically Mr. Peck has always been affiliated with the republican party. He is a man of admitted business ability, whose enterprise has done much to promote the general welfare of the township, and his transactions, being straightforward and honest, he is looked upon as a man of integrity and is favorably spoken of by all his neighbors.

JOHN NESBET McKELVY.

John Nesbet McKelvy, who at the age of eighty-one years is living retired in Washington county, Iowa, was for a number of years a resident of Utica, Licking county, and is still remembered by many of the residents of this section as one of the honored pioneers and business men. His ancestry can be traced back to an early period. His paternal great-grandfather, whose name is forgotten, lived to be one hundred and four years of age. He was married to a Miss Jane McKinley who, with her brother, John, emigrated from their native country, Ireland, to America, in the early part of the fifteenth century. Her father was a wealthy lord of County Down and both he and his wife died during the early girlhood of their daughter Jane. On account of religious persecutions in the old country, on a certain Sunday, while the people of the neighborhood were attending church services John and Jane

McKinley took passage on an old sailing vessel bound for the United States. They had no money and agreed to work three years for the captain of the ship, in order to pay for their passage. Landing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, they began their three years' labor but, at the end of that time, their services having proved so satisfactory, they were paid one year's wages, which was all they had to begin life in America. John McKinley was a noted singer. As above stated Jane McKinley became the wife of a Mr. McKelvy and to their union were born three sons and a daughter, namely: John, William, Robert and Elizabeth. At the beginning of the Revolutionary war the three brothers enlisted in the army, John and Robert serving three years, while William served eight years, or during the entire period of hostilities. The latter joined as a fifer and later was promoted to the rank of captain. The boys were in the battle of the Brandywine, near which place the family lived. The mother and daughter supposed that all would be killed by the British but at night John returned home and reported that all were alive. They had a narrow escape, however, for after the battle was over William found that his cap had been pierced with nine musket balls. His death occurred at Bucyrus, Ohio, about the year 1838. Robert was married about 1783 and reared quite a large family, among whom were James, John, who became the father of our subject; and Elizabeth. Robert McKelvy died in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

John McKelvy eventually took up his abode in Trumbull county, Ohio, and followed farming. He later removed to Putnam county, this state, the year 1846 witnessing his arrival there. He passed away in the latter county in 1848. His son, John Nesbet McKelvy, the subject of this review, was born August 17, 1827. He walked a mile and a half to school, pursuing his studies in an old-time log school-house, in which the seats were made of two-inch plank, supported by wooden legs, or pins, while a long board served as a writing desk. The methods of instruction were equally as primitive as the building. After completing his studies John N. McKelvy, in 1844, was bound out to a man by the name of Hubbard, under whom he engaged to learn the tinner's trade. He was to serve four years, his compensation to be thirty-five dollars a year, while in the event of sickness he was to be taken care of. Mr. Hubbard had in his employ five boys, who were engaged in making tinware, which was peddled through the country, and in exchange for which rags, beeswax, lard, tallow and other products were taken. After completing his apprenticeship Mr. McKelvy worked in Mansfield, Ft. Finley, Bedford, and other Ohio towns. Wishing to secure a better education than had been afforded him in his early youth, he spent one winter in an academy and also qualified for teaching in a night school. Having saved from his earnings about fifty dollars he invested this in a stock of tinware and engaged in business in Utica, where he continued a long period. He became well known as a pioneer resident of this section of Licking county and, although he is now living retired in Washington county, Iowa, he is still remembered by many of the residents of Utica and surrounding country. He has intimate knowledge of the early history of Licking county and during the early years of his residence here shared with the other pioneers in the hardships and privations that had to be met in a frontier district.

Mr. McKelvy was married in 1852 to Miss Margaret Darrah and their union was blessed with six children, of whom three died in infancy. The living members are: J. W., of Washington county, Iowa; Anna J., the wife of John D. Atherton, a resident of Cleveland, Ohio; and Dr. J. K. McKelvy, now practicing in Chatham.

The mother died in 1869, and in 1872 Mr. McKelvy was married to Eliza Ferguson. They had one daughter, who died in 1883. Mr. McKelvy is a devoted and consistent member of the Presbyterian church and now, at the advanced age of eighty-one years, is living in Washington county, Iowa, enjoying the rest which he so well deserves.

JOHN M. BEEM.

John M. Beem, a son of George W. and Margaret (Myer) Beem, has practically spent his entire life in agricultural pursuits in Lima township, where his birth occurred January 22, 1854, since which time he has remained here with the exception of the brief period spent in Iowa. He is widely experienced in all phases of farming, being an adept in the adaptation of crops and also in stock-breeding, his work in these lines having been successful from the outset, so that at present he is in comfortable circumstances and in possession of as fine a farm as exists in this part of the county. He owes his success to his own exertions, being a man of great energy and industry, at the same time being possessed of all those qualifications requisite to thrift, and through his practical economy and excellent management he has gradually attained the reputation which he well deserves as a progressive farmer and substantial citizen of the township.

Mr. Beem acquired his knowledge of farming from his father and during his boyhood days received his education in the neighboring schools, remaining upon the home farm until he was twenty-one years of age, at which period of his life he was married and then removed to Benton county, Iowa, where he purchased two hundred and forty acres of land, in the cultivation of which he engaged for four years. Then selling his property he returned to Licking county in 1878 and resumed the occupation of farming on fifty acres of land which he subsequently sold and then purchased one hundred and sixteen acres to which he later added sixty-eight acres and, including ninety acres of his father's estate, his farm at one time embraced two hundred and seventy-four acres of excellent land, all of which he kept under cultivation. He has been quite successful in agricultural life and has made considerable money in the sale of his farms, having several times disposed of his property, each time purchasing a new tract of land which he would improve and put upon the market. He has thus realized substantial profits in this way out of his real-estate transactions. He has now disposed of all but eighteen acres. Eight years ago he built an elegant residence at Summit Station, which he subsequently traded for fifty-two acres—a farm which he still owns. His present residence, which is one of the finest in the township, is surrounded by ten acres of land. He is interested in a number of commercial enterprises, being a stockholder in the People's Bank at Pataskala, the Summit Creamery, the Summit Chair Factory and the Pataskala Farmers Telephone Company.

On June 29, 1874, Mr. Beem wedded Margaret Beals, a native of Lima township, born October 11, 1853, and a daughter of Enoch and Katherine (Beem) Beals. Her father was born in Etna township, this county, March 5, 1818, a son of Nathan and Elmira Beals, the former a native of Vermont who settled in this county in 1815. Mrs. Beals was born in Lima township, and passed away June 25, 1899, in

her seventy-eighth year, her husband's death occurring February 10, 1895. They had eight children: Andrew, who resides at Summit Station; George, who passed away in infancy; Adelbert, a resident of Indiana; Fidelia, the wife of Albert Beem; Margaret; Amanda, who resides with her husband, Alvin Peters, in Jersey township; Belle, the wife of Amos Courter, residing in Jersey township; and Jane, who lives with her husband, Dennis Davenport, in Franklin county.

Mr. and Mrs. Beem have one daughter, Nerva Izora, who was twice united in marriage, first to William Dixon, by whom she had one child, Inzabelle, and, after becoming a widow, she wedded Jacob William Roshon, of this township. Politically Mr. Beem is a democrat and his religious convictions are with the Universalists, having served in the church of that denomination here as deacon since its organization and at the same time as a member of the board of trustees and, being an ardent church worker, he has for many years been superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a man of high moral and religious aims, living a daily life above reproach, striving ever to conduct his actions in harmony with the tenets of the Christian faith, while his excellent qualities justly command for him the respect and confidence which he enjoys from all who know him.

CHARLES H. WELLS.

Charles H. Wells, city engineer of Newark, was born in this city May 2, 1879, and is one of a family of seven children, whose parents were William C. and Mary E. (Hempsted) Wells. The father was a native of Lancaster, Ohio, a son of Jonas M. Wells, a leading tailor of Lancaster at an early date. As William C. Wells attained manhood he entered upon an apprenticeship under his father, and thus became familiar with the tailoring business. When but eighteen years of age he went to Columbus, Ohio, remaining only a short time, thence coming to Newark. Here he worked at his trade as a journeyman for a short time, and in 1876 he established himself in business, desiring that the profits of his labors should come directly to himself. He was a young man of laudable ambition, possessing also a genial disposition and an earnest desire to suit his customers. Those who came to him once usually returned again, remaining with him as permanent patrons. As the years passed, therefore, he prospered, and continued successfully in business until 1902, when he retired from the field of tailoring to take up the management of Buckeye Lake Park. His time was thus spent for two years, after which he retired in order to give his undivided attention to the supervision of his real-estate interests in Newark which, in the meantime, had become extensive and important. In connection with William E. Miller he platted Park Addition west of the city of Newark. His carefully controlled real-estate interests brought to him a substantial and gratifying return. In his political views Mr. Wells is a stalwart democrat, and his personal popularity is indicated in the fact that he was elected to the board of education in a republican ward. He served for six years on the board, and for four years of that time acted as president and for two years as treasurer. He also served for some years as president of the board of trade, and has been an important factor in the location of all the important industries in Newark. In fact, for many

years past he has been regarded as one of the city's foremost residents, and a business man whose cooperation can always be counted upon to further any movement for the public good. His ideas are practical, and when his theories are utilized it is found that they contain elements of substantial benefit to the community at large. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He makes his home in Park Addition, west of Idlewilde Park, and is yet counted one of the valued and representative citizens of Newark, although at the present time he is engaged in no active business pursuits save the superintendence of his own interests.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Wells were seven children, of whom six are yet living, namely: Charles H., of this review; William C., Jr., residing in Cincinnati, Ohio; George B., a tailor of Newark; Sidney E., a carpenter of Newark; Richard E. and Henry E., both attending school in Newark.

In taking up the personal history of Charles H. Wells we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely and favorably known. He was reared at home, acquiring his education in the Newark schools and, passing through consecutive grades, completing the course of the Newark high school by graduation in 1899. He was honored with the presidency of his class, and was very popular with his fellow students. During the following year he began his business career as first assistant in the location of the Columbus Buckeye Lake and Newark Interurban line. After acting in that capacity for a year he went to Zanesville and secured a position in the designing department of the Mosaic Tile Works, with the intention of learning the business. He remained but a short time, however, when he decided that civil engineering was more suited to his abilities, and took up the active work of the profession. He was elected to the office of county surveyor of Licking county and he therefore returned to assume the duties of that office. He had acted in that capacity for only six months when he was appointed to the important office of city engineer of Newark, and his resignation as county surveyor was accordingly tendered. He is now serving his sixth year in the office of city engineer. During his term of service there has been done extensive sewer work and street paving, and the condition of the city's streets speaks volumes in favor of his capabilities. He is a gentleman of genial and pleasing personality, and his friends are legion. He belongs to Newark Lodge No. 391, B. P. O. E., and the Young Men's Christian Association of Newark. He is known as one of the popular young professional men of the city, and is proving his worth in every relation of life in which he is found.

JOHN K. McKELVY.

Dr. John K. McKelvy, who since 1881 has been engaged in the practice of medicine in Chatham, was born in Utica, Licking county, August 14, 1857, a son of John N. and Margaret J. (Darrah) McKelvy. The father was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, August 17, 1827, came to Licking county in 1848 and established a tin and hardware shop in Utica. He conducted this establishment until 1883, when he disposed of his store and removed to Washington county, Iowa, where he is now living retired, at the advanced age of eighty-two years. The mother, who was a native of Ireland, came to Licking county at an early day and her death occurred in Utica in 1869. Their union was blessed with five

children, namely: James W., who is employed by the Farmers Bank at Utica; Clark, deceased; John K. of this review; Boyd, who has also departed this life; and Anna J., the wife of John D. Atherton, a resident of Cleveland. More extended mention is made of the parents on another page of this work.

Dr. John K. McKelvy was reared in the place of his nativity and acquired his literary education in the schools of that place. Deciding upon the practice of medicine as a life work, to this end he matriculated in the Normal high school, at Utica, graduating from that institution in 1877. He then attended the Ohio Medical College one year and the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Baltimore, from which he graduated in 1880. He began the practice of medicine at Utica, there remaining one year. In 1881 he located in Chatham, where he has remained in practice to the present time. He has built up a good patronage, covers a large area of country and thus has become well and favorably known.

Dr. McKelvy was married in 1880 to Miss Mary Florence Koontz, who was born in Licking county November 18, 1858, a daughter of H. B. and Mary (Coad) Koontz, who are mentioned elsewhere in this volume. The marriage of Dr. and Mrs. McKelvy has been blessed with one daughter, Mamie Dean, who was born February 16, 1881, and is now the wife of Harry A. Stream, who operates his father-in-law's farm in Newton township, the property comprising one hundred acres of well improved land. Mrs. Stream was graduated from the Chatham high school.

Dr. McKelvy gives his political support to the republican party, while both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which they take an active part. The Doctor was a trustee of the church for several years and both he and his wife have served as teachers in the Sunday school for the past fifteen years. Mrs. McKelvy has been church organist sixteen years. The Doctor has been examiner for various insurance companies a number of years. He owns a nice residence in Chatham which he occupies. He is highly esteemed in this vicinity, not only as a professional man but also as a citizen and friend of humanity, who lives for the good he can do to others.

BYRON G. HOOVER.

The name of Byron G. Hoover is found on the list of Licking county's honored dead. Though his life record covered little more than a half century, in every relation he stood as a man among men, reliable in business, and progressive and patriotic in his citizenship. He was born March 24, 1843, and was called to his final rest on the 13th of March, 1904. His birth occurred in Monroe township, this county, his parents being Mahlon and Mary C. (Ashbrook) Hoover. On his father's farm he was reared to manhood, engaging more and more largely in the work of field and meadow as his years and strength increased. His educational opportunities were those offered in the district schools and early in life he manifested a desire for and adaptation to mercantile life. Following his marriage, however, he engaged in farming in Monroe township for five years but later turned his attention to general merchandising, establishing a store at Appleton.



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which at that time was an important business center. There he built up an extensive trade, which he successfully conducted until 1893, when he was elected treasurer of Licking county. He served two terms, or four years, and proved an excellent official, popular with all the people and a most faithful custodian of the public funds. He retired from office as he had entered it, with the confidence and good will of all concerned, and when he put aside political cares he assumed the management of his farming interests adjacent to Appleton. There the family home has since been maintained.

It was on the 25th of October, 1866, that Mr. Hoover was united in marriage to Miss Susie McInturf, a daughter of James and Alice Ann (Gregg) McInturf. Her mother's people came from Virginia. Her father, however, was born in Licking county, his ancestors having come to this state from Pennsylvania in pioneer times. Both the Hoovers and the McInturfs were large and influential families, active in farming interests and commercial life of the county. Nine children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Hoover, as follows: Harry G.; Burt N.; Mary, now the wife of Homer Rice; Don C.; and five who died in infancy.

Mr. Hoover was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also of the Knights of Pythias lodges at Johnstown. He believed in an active support of all public movements for the benefit of the community, advocated civic improvement and through his example and influence did much to promote public progress along that line. He was a democrat in his political allegiance and always took an active interest in party affairs. He was enterprising in business, resolute in his spirit of what he believed to be right and was everywhere recognized as a man of high character and sterling integrity, whose influence was always on the side of justice, truth and substantial development. His personal worth, his business success and his faithful and capable service in public office all combined to make him a citizen whom the community honored and respected. The Hoover home at Appleton has always been among the most hospitable in the county—a favorite resort for the many friends of the family.

CHARLES SLIFE.

General farming and stock-raising have commanded the attention of Charles Slife, of Liberty township, where for a number of years he has been identified in an influential way with its agricultural interests. Being energetic and enterprising and possessed of an aggressive spirit, which neither discovers nor halts before difficulties, he has lent his hand to the plow perseveringly and with a patience worthy of emulation, until now in his declining years, owing to the success he has achieved in the annual production of bountiful harvests, he is surrounded by prosperity and can afford, if he desires, to lay aside the implements with which he has long efficiently worked and in leisure participate somewhat in the comforts and fruits of his long years of earnest and honest toil. In Liberty township in which he has spent practically all his life he was born October 26, 1840, a son of Henry and Catherine (Dunbault) Slife, natives of Pennsylvania. His father, who came to this county from Westmoreland county, in that state, devoted his

life to the various departments of agriculture until his death, which occurred in August, 1894, while his wife, originally from Fayette county, Pennsylvania, passed away here in October, 1886. Both were hard workers, known throughout the community for their industry and careful management, and as well for the uprightness of their lives.

On his father's farm, indulging the usual experiences of a farmer boy and engaging in the general routine incident to the occupation, Charles Slife was reared to manhood, in the meantime attending the district school, where he obtained his rudimental training, after which he was given the educational advantage of a course of study in the Johnstown high school. He then turned to the farm and, after working for several months, became discontent with its apparently meager opportunities and decided to seek his fortune in another vocation. At about that time the news of quickly-earned riches in the gold fields of California was being spread abroad and Mr. Slife, becoming enthused over the situation, made up his mind to take his chances with others who were becoming wealthy in the Golden state. Therefore in 1862 he repaired to the gold fields of the far west, where for three years he applied himself arduously to the search for the valuable metal. On the expiration of that period, having been successful in acquiring a snug fortune and after a long journey across the plains he finally reached his present farm and settled down to the pursuit of agriculture. He owns and cultivates a splendid farm containing two hundred acres and equipped with every convenience necessary to carry on the occupation by progressive methods and from year to year his harvests of hay and grain are bountiful and the returns of his stock satisfactory.

On May 25, 1876, Mr. Slife was united in marriage to Mrs. Ella McNela, daughter of Casper and Maria (Reamy) Myers, of this county. They have two children: Maud M., wife of I. J. Miller, a prominent agriculturist of Geauga county, Ohio; and Mabel, who resides with her parents. Mr. Slife is a democrat and while he does not take an active interest in politics he devotes a great deal of study to public affairs and is well informed on the issues of the day. He is a man of high aims and noble character, which have won him the confidence and respect of his fellow townsmen, and is in every sense a man whose many admirable qualities have made him a general favorite and have won him a host of warm friends. His dwelling is large and elegant, built on modern lines, and his is an ideal country home where he lives in happiness and contentment and in which he extends his hospitality to his many friends.

ELLIOTT A. COCHLAN.

Elliott A. Cochlan, who operates an extensive planing mill and is prominent in the lumber business of Newark, Ohio, was born in Litchfield, Illinois, in 1861. Martin E. Cochlan, his father, was born in Ireland, coming to the United States in the early '50s. Immediately upon reaching the shores of the new world he located in Cincinnati, Ohio. Upon arriving in this city he secured employment in the service of the railroad where he remained for several years. Giving up this position he became a member of the Cincinnati police force. He served in

this capacity until the time of his death in 1865, his son, Elliott A., being then but four years of age. Mr. Cochlan was a member of the Roman Catholic church and a supporter of the republican party. The mother of the subject, Hannah A. (Schooley) Cochlan, was a native of Ross county, Ohio, having been born near Chillicothe. Schooley Station bears the name of her father, who was a pioneer farmer of that section of the country. Mrs. Cochlan is still living in Newark, Ohio, at the advanced age of ninety-one years, and still maintains her mental and physical vigor. She had four children of whom the subject is the youngest.

Elliott A. Cochlan received his education in the public schools of Marietta, Ohio. Immediately upon leaving school when but a boy he went to work in a planing mill and has ever since followed that business. In 1903 he came from Marietta, Ohio, to Newark, and bought out the Garber & Vance planing mill, which is now known as the Cochlan planing mill. This is a well known concern and draws an extensive trade from many miles of the surrounding country. He engages in the manufacture of all kinds of lumber with special attention to turning out products for fine finishing work. His plant is equipped with the most modern machinery and his business is gradually increasing. In his mills and lumber yards he employs a number of men.

In 1881 Mr. Cochlan was united in marriage with Miss Alma Phillips, who was born in Marietta, Ohio, in 1859. She was a daughter of Lyman W. and Eunice Phillips, the former a brick manufacturer. The following children were born: Lyman P., Hazel, Audrey, Alma and Fern. Mr. Cochlan gives his support to the republican party. He does not take an active interest in politics as an aspirant to public office. However, he served most capably as a member of the Marietta city council. He is familiar with the political issues of the day but confines his political activity to casting his vote and using his influence toward the election of candidates whom he thinks fitted to serve the public. He is a member of the United Brethren church, and also of the Knights of Pythias.

JOHN F. WEISS.

John F. Weiss, an enterprising and successful agriculturist of Newton township, was born in Licking county, July 2, 1872, his parents being Lewis and Samantha (Barrick) Weiss. In early manhood the paternal grandfather journeyed from Pennsylvania to Licking county, and for one year resided on a farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres, which he had purchased here. He then returned to the Keystone state, was married and brought his bride to this county, making his home here until called to his final rest. Lewis Weiss, the father of our subject, was born in Newton township, Licking county, and was long numbered among the most worthy and public-spirited citizens of his community. He took an active interest in politics as a supporter of the democracy and held township offices. His demise occurred in February, 1880, and was deeply mourned by many friends as well as his immediate family. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Samantha Barrick and is a native of Pennsylvania, was only three years of age when she accompanied her parents on their removal to Licking county in 1838. She was one of a family of eleven children and by her marriage to Lewis

Weiss became the mother of five, namely: L. A., a resident of Mount Vernon, Ohio; Ada, the wife of Charles Rouse, of Newark; Ella, the wife of Alford Lee, of Granville; John F., of this review, who is living with his mother; and Mary, the wife of Clyde Bline, of Newark.

John F. Weiss acquired a common-school education and has always resided on the home farm, to which he was taken by his parents when a babe of six months. The place comprises one hundred and two and a half acres in Newton township and one hundred and five and a half acres in McKean township. Throughout his active business career Mr. Weiss has been engaged in farming and stock-raising and his carefully directed and untiring labors have gained him the prosperity which entitles him to recognition among the progressive and representative farmers of the community.

In his political views Mr. Weiss is a stalwart democrat and is now serving as township trustee, which position he has held for three years. He has also acted as constable and has ever discharged his public duties in a prompt and efficient manner. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry and all who know him entertain for him respect and regard in recognition of his fidelity to lofty principles and an upright, honorable manhood.

Mr. Weiss' father was a member of the Masonic order and also of the Methodist church. His widow and all the children also belong to that church.

MELVILLE G. BEEM.

Melville G. Beem, who is now living retired at Summit Station after many years of activity in agricultural lines, was born in Lima township, Licking county, March 20, 1845. The family name is well known in this part of the state for his great-grandfather, Michael Beem, came here at an early date with his children, Benjamin, Andrew, John, William, Michael, Daniel, Jacob and Betsy. William Beem, grandfather of the subject of the review, was born in Allegany county, Maryland, and was among those who accompanied his parents to this part of the county in pioneer times. Here he was united in marriage to Catherine Rhodes, a native of Virginia, whose people came to this place about the same time the Beem family located here, and among their children were John R., George W., Richard, Josiah, David, Jefferson, William P., Ardillis, Sarah, Rachel, Marietta, Almeda, and two who died in childhood.

Richard Beem, the father of Melville G. Beem, was born in Jersey township, July 19, 1822, where he resided until he was united in marriage and then went to Lima township, where he secured one hundred and twenty acres of land in trade for forty acres which he owned in Jersey township, but before he had been here long he became discouraged and offered for sale his farm, a yoke of oxen and everything else he had, except his personal effects, for six hundred dollars but, not being able to get a buyer, he was compelled to retain his possessions and finally he improved his property, his farm becoming one of the most highly cultivated in the region. Thereafter he became quite prosperous and from time to time added to his land until at his death he owned two hundred and sixty-five acres of excel-

lent farm land, drained with over thirty miles of tile and provided with an excellent residence and other substantial buildings. He was united in marriage to Chrislera Myer, who was a native of Jersey township, born May 11, 1826, and departed this life April 29, 1888.

Melville G. Beem was an only child and on his father's farm was reared. There during his boyhood days he learned to plow and plant the fields and harvest the crops, while his education was obtained in the district schools. Remaining upon the home farm until he was twenty-two years of age, he was then married and located in Jefferson township, Franklin county, on a farm a short distance from that upon which his parents lived. There he pursued general farming for about twelve years and then returned to the home farm, remaining there until the year 1890 when he removed to Summit Station and built a magnificent home on the north side of that city. There he lived for about eleven years when he returned to his farm and in the fall of 1907 purchased his present home on the south side of Summit Station, where he now resides. He likewise retains possession of the home farm which consists of two hundred and sixty-five acres, also owns one hundred and fifteen acres in partnership with his son-in-law and fifty-five acres at Summit Station, together with two houses, besides his own residence.

On September 13, 1866, Mr. Beem wedded Isabella Morrison, a native of County Down, Ireland, born July 15, 1844. She came to America in 1850 with her parents, John and Jane (McCauley) Morrison, who settled in Knox county near Columbus, later removing to Franklin county, where they both departed this life. In their family were six children: Andrew, Samuel, Isabella, William, Ann and Jane. One daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Beem, Jennie, the wife of Charles Waggy, and they have four children, Roxana, Jonathan, Grace Evelyn and Melville. Mr. Beem supports the democratic party in national and state affairs, but in municipal matters he takes an independent stand, casting his vote for the candidate rather than for the party, and thus assists in putting such men into office as in his opinion are best qualified to serve the county's interests. He has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows since 1874, is also a member of Derthick Grange, No. 1621, of Summit Station, and has been a member of the Grange bodies in Jefferson township since 1873, being a leading factor in all farmers' organizations. He attends the Universalist church, of which he is a liberal supporter. His industry and enterprise have had a wide influence in developing the natural resources of the township and he justly merits the position in which he stands as a representative and substantial citizen.

MRS. JOSEPH DAVIS.

Keziah Hellen (Sutton) Davis, wife of Joseph Davis, was born in Licking county, Ohio, on March 23, 1840. Joseph Sutton, her grandfather, came from Fayette county, Pennsylvania, in the year 1801 and put into cultivation a hilly piece of ground now included in the farm owned by James Richardson of Licking township, this county. His excursion from Pennsylvania to this then far western territory was made on foot and through a trackless forest. The small crop of corn raised was stored in a rudely constructed crib on the cleared ground and late in

the fall the pioneer returned to his old home in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, to make the necessary preparations for bringing his family, consisting of a wife and child, to the new home in the forest. His description of the locality so recently visited was such as to induce his father to return with him to Ohio in the following spring, bringing with them their families. The party of emigrants returning to the newly prepared Ohio home included the following: Isaac Sutton, the father; Elizabeth Carr Sutton, the mother; and the sons and daughters, Elizabeth, Jehu, Rhoda and Eliza,—all led by the adventurous Joseph with his wife and child. Two married daughters, Ruth and Naomi, remained at the old Pennsylvania home, but their descendants later followed along the old trail to the new settlement.

A permanent settlement was not established by the emigrants till the spring of 1805, when the combined family entered a piece of land of four hundred acres two and a half miles south of the present site of Newark. This land is now the property of the late Jessie R. Moore heirs and Mr. Charles Bader. Joseph Sutton was married in Pennsylvania to Miss Keziah Gaskill of Maryland. To this union were born the following children: Benjamin, born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania; Naomi; Amanda; Joseph Bentley; Elmer Gaskill; Keziah Ann; Ema-line; Alva Rigdon; Electa Fidellia; and William Henry. In 1812 Joseph Sutton enlisted a troop of cavalry and served as captain throughout the war. His command embraced the Third Regiment, under orders from General Tupper. He saw much service and at the close of the war was mustered out with honors. The war ended, he returned to his farm and continued in its improvement. He built a brick house, burning his own brick and laying them with his own hands. The house still stands in a good state of preservation. Later he purchased property in the village of Granville, Licking county, and conducted a tannery at that place. His children enjoyed the education offered by the Granville schools—then as well as now the educational center for central Ohio. Joseph Sutton died on his farm south of Newark at the age of seventy-nine years.

Joseph Bentley Sutton was born in 1814 and died September 8, 1892, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Davis. On April 11, 1836, he married Sarah Ann Arthur, who was born in Ohio county, West Virginia, and emigrated with her parents to Ohio, settling on the old National road near Amsterdam in this county. She was one of six daughters, a profoundly religious woman of Presbyterian belief and always one most zealous for the welfare of her family and home. Joseph Bentley Sutton was a man of indomitable courage, a leader in all things pertaining to the development and advancement of the community in which he lived. He never held office aside from that pertaining to the school and township, but his judgment and fearless execution of the plans he believed to be just and for the best of all concerned made him a most prominent and useful man. He was much interested in the preservation of peace and order in the community during the troublous times of the "early days" and was held in terror by all evil doers. He did much to promote and assisted materially in the construction of the old plank road extending south from Newark, Ohio, to Jacksontown. In 1841 he was commissioned by Thomas Corwin, then governor of Ohio, captain of the Seventh Company, First Regiment of Cavalry, Second Brigade, Fourth Division in the Ohio Militia. To Joseph Bentley Sutton and Sarah Ann (Arthur) Sutton were born seven children, namely; Phoebe Ellen, Susan Amanda, and Benja-

min, all dead; Keziah Hellen, now Mrs. Joseph Davis; Alva Arthur, a contractor of Medway, Ohio; Thomas Franklin, a farmer and stock-raiser of this county; and Edward Augustus, engaged in the produce and exchange business in Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Joseph Davis was born in the old Sutton homestead a few miles south of Newark, Ohio, now the property of Mr. Charles Bader and sisters. She was the oldest of seven children and much of her early life was spent in the assistant care of the home and younger members of the family. She attended the township school at the Lloyd schoolhouse and later the city high school in Newark, Ohio. In 1858 she was married to Mr. Joseph Davis and they began their early house-keeping on a portion of the tract of land now included in their splendid farm of five hundred acres. The family consists of three sons, all grown to manhood. Mrs. Davis is a member of the Primitive Baptist church, a most worthy and highly respected woman, sympathetic, kind and generous,—that type of womanhood portrayed in the ideal wife and mother.

EZEKIEL W. ALBERY.

Ezekiel W. Albery, a veteran of the Civil war, who is well known as an agriculturist in Lima township, was born in Jefferson township, Franklin county, a half mile west of his present home, February 28, 1832. His grandfather, John Albery, was born in this country of English lineage and at the age of sixteen years, as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, participated in the siege against Cornwallis. The parents of E. W. Albery were Peter and Esther (Brown) Albery, the father a native of Allegany county, Maryland, where his birth occurred in October, 1796, and the mother of Columbiana, Pennsylvania, where she was born September 2, 1798. They were united in marriage near Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio, and about 1827 went to Jefferson township, Franklin county, this state, where they spent the remainder of their lives, the father passing away in his eighty-first year and the mother at the age of eighty-seven. He had one hundred acres of land which he cleared and brought under a high state of cultivation, spending his life in the pursuit of agriculture. In their family were ten children, namely: Mary, who wedded Jesse Baughman; Annie, wife of William Lotta; Esther, who became the wife of Aaron E. Woodruff; John, who died in his tenth year; Herman B., who resides in Columbus, Ohio; Henry M., of Jefferson township; Ezekiel; Thomas W., deceased; B. M., of New Albany, Franklin county; and Jerusha, wife of Matthew Cherry.

Ezekiel W. Albery spent his boyhood days on his father's farm where he assisted in the general routine of agricultural life, at the same time acquiring his education in the district schools. Remaining on the home place until the year 1860, he then went to Miami county, Indiana, working there on a farm by the month until May 4, 1864, when he enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in the one hundred days' service, under Captain Joseph R. Silvers. He was discharged September 2, 1864, and subsequently enlisted again in Company C, One Hundred and Fifty-first Indiana Vol-

unteer Infantry, being honorably discharged in September, 1865. During his military career and under his first enlistment he marched three times across the state of Kentucky and while serving under his second enlistment he was for the greater part of the time on guard duty near Nashville, Tennessee. After the war he returned to Indiana, where he remained for two years and then came to Licking county, where he worked on a farm by the month until he was married. At that period of his life he purchased his present farm which contains thirty-three acres and is located on the Columbus and Granville road, two miles west of Jersey. For a few years he engaged in the sawmill business but subsequently gave up the enterprise and has since been devoting his attention to general farming.

In 1870 Mr. Alberty was united in marriage to Juliana Foster, who was born in England, November 23, 1838. When she was two years of age her parents, George and Mary (Thomas) Foster, started for America, but Mrs. Foster passed away on board ship while enroute. The family settled near Johnstown and Mr. Foster carried on farming in this county until his death. By his first wife he had two daughters: Mrs. Sarah Gosnel, of Concord, this county; and Juliana. He married again and to that union ten children were born. Mr. and Mrs. Alberty have two daughters. Carrie Elvie is the wife of George Hewitt, of Jersey township, and they have eight children, namely: Samuel C., Charles, Mary, John, Jennie, Robert, Ethel and Albert Edwin. Mary Josephine is the wife of Adelbert Mentzer, who resided in St. Albans township, and their children are Eva May, Bertha T., Roe A. and Herman A.

Mr. Alberty has always been devoted to the republican party and through his long years of observation and experience as to the merits of the various political parties he sees in the principles of the republican platform those policies which to his mind are adequate to develop the country's natural resources and consequently has used both his vote and influence toward the election of its candidates. He has always taken an interest in local affairs and has served as school director and also as township road supervisor. He belongs to the Methodist church and measures up to the full standard of manhood in all requirements.

ABEL JOB WILSON.

Abel Job Wilson is prominent in the financial circles of Washington township, as president of the First National Bank of Utica. This is one of the substantial financial institutions of Licking county and in fact of the state, its deposits averaging nearly five hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Wilson was born on a farm in Washington township, Licking county, April 21, 1840, and descends from a family, the members of which have exerted a telling influence on the business interests of the county. In the year 1805 his grandfather, David Wilson, removed from Virginia to this state, intending to make it his permanent home, and he entered one thousand acres of land near Newark and about two hundred acres in Washington township. On his way back to Virginia to get his family he contracted an illness which caused his death, but later the family came to this state and settled on the land he had purchased.



A. J. WILSON

Among his children was Abel Wilson, father of the subject of this review, who was born in Hardy county, Virginia, and was a child at the time the family settled in this county. Here he participated as a pioneer in clearing away the forests and putting the soil into condition for cultivation. Upon attaining manhood he located upon land formerly belonging to his father, built a log cabin and engaged in farming and stock-raising. Being a man of indomitable will and energy, success followed him and he became owner of a tract of valuable and highly cultivated land of four hundred acres, and in addition to raising general crops he was one of the largest wool growers in the county. Before the Civil war he cooperated with the underground railroad which was used to assist negroes in making their escape from slavery into liberty. He was a strong Union man and when the republican party was organized he became one of its staunch supporters and served in a number of county offices on the republican ticket.

Abel Wilson, Sr., was united in marriage to Mary, daughter of Daniel Forrey, one of this county's earliest settlers. She was born in Pennsylvania, in 1799, and departed this life in 1893, when ninety-four years old, having survived her husband by twenty-three years. They reared the following children: Jerusha, who was united in marriage to P. W. Sperry, formerly connected with Wilson's Bank; Nancy, who became the wife of Frank Knowlton, of Marion, Iowa; Eliza, who wedded Benjamin Bowman, also of that place; Jesse, who resides in Utica; Mary, widow of W. P. Dale, who departed this life in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in July, 1893; and Abel Job.

Upon the home farm Abel Job Wilson was reared and there assisted in the general duties of agricultural life, at the same time acquiring his education in the district schools. Upon attaining his majority, he removed to Utica, where he engaged in farming and in speculating in various lines until he finally became interested in the banking business. Later he became associated with P. W. Sperry and Jesse Wilson and organized what was known as Wilson's Bank in Utica in 1871, the three continuing in partnership until 1887 when Jesse Wilson dissolved his relations with the institution and two years later P. W. Sperry withdrew, leaving Abel Job Wilson as sole proprietor. Between the years 1871 and 1890 this was the only banking house in the city and having always conducted a safe and successful business it enjoys the confidence of the people to an extent which gives the institution the reputation of being one of the most substantial in the state. It is now known as the First National Bank of Utica.

In September, 1879, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Mary E., daughter of John and Elizabeth Clark, of Utica, and to this union have been born: Mary Elizabeth, Genevieve and Wilbur. In politics he is a republican and while he has not been solicitous to hold public office his services have been sought by his fellow citizens, with whose requests he has complied and rendered the city useful services. In the year 1894 he completed his second term as mayor of the city, his administration in that office having been marked by sagacity and executive ability. From time to time he has been offered a number of political preferments but the pressure of his business affairs demanding his almost undivided attention he has not been able to find time to devote to outside matters. However, he is in favor of any movement which in any way may tend toward the welfare of the community and he may always be relied upon to support measures calculated to be of benefit to

the people. Utica owes much of its present development to his efforts as many noted reforms have been introduced by him and he has been an influential factor in promoting its material resources. Mr. Wilson is an extensive real-estate owner in the city, possessing four of the largest business blocks, together with other town property, and also several of the largest farms in the county, one of which contains five hundred acres. He is thus interested in general agriculture and stock-raising. Moreover he owns one of the finest residences in the county and upon the whole he is one of the largest contributors toward the general welfare of the city. Mr. Wilson's character is beyond reproach and his business life having been one of straightforwardness and honesty, he stands high in the respect of all who know him, and as a substantial banker and business man he has an excellent reputation throughout the state.

WILLIAM J. THARP.

The soil of Licking county has furnished many a man his fortune and among those who for a number of years have been reaping the benefits of bountiful harvests is William J. Tharp, whose birth occurred May 17, 1856, on his present farm in Lima township, where he has always resided. His ancestors have for several generations been identified with the agricultural interests of this region. His paternal grandparents, Isaac and Madlen (Swisher) Tharp, were natives of Hampshire county, West Virginia. Having come here at an early date Isaac Tharp entered one hundred and sixty acres of land, the entire tract at that time being thickly covered with timber, and after clearing off a portion and erecting a log cabin, he returned to his native state, where he was united in marriage. With his bride he came back to this place and they were the third family who settled in the district. The remainder of their lives they spent on this farm, which is now in possession of a nephew, I. R. Tharp. In their family were eight children: John, Philip, Joseph, Elizabeth, who became the wife of G. W. Beem; Katherine, who wedded James Banner; Annie, deceased; and two who died in infancy.

On January 2, 1848, Philip Tharp, who was born in Lima township, was united in marriage to Mary Swigert, a native of Reading, Pennsylvania, who, when eighteen years of age, came to this state with her parents, Samuel and Susan (Schaffer) Swigert, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state and who passed away here. Mr. Tharp departed this life July 19, 1906, at the age of seventy-nine years, three months and ten days, having survived his wife by but a few months, she having passed away January 19, 1905, at the age of seventy-nine years, eight months and three days. In their family were two children: George W., a resident of Houston, Texas, and William J.

On the farm on which he now resides William J. Tharp has thus far spent his life and here under the supervision of his father he became familiar with the various departments of farm work and during his boyhood days acquired his education in the district schools. His farm, which in every respect equals that of any in this region, contains one hundred and seventy-one acres, ninety-three acres of the tract belonging to the original farm cultivated by his father. The place is provided with all modern improvements, its fencing being substantial and in excellent condition,

while the buildings are in good repair. Hay and the various grains are produced in large quantities by Mr. Tharp but stock-raising is his specialty and he makes a feature of breeding thoroughbred Berkshire hogs and, having been in this business for the past thirty years, he has established the reputation of a recognized authority. He deals only in registered stock and keeps on hand on an average of one hundred head of cattle and sheep.

On March 15, 1879, Mr. Tharp wedded Abbie J. Headley, a native of this township, where she was born January 29, 1856, and the daughter of Lemuel and Mary (Clouse) Headley. Her mother was born in New Albany, Franklin county, February 6, 1828, and is now residing in Jersey township, while her father, who is deceased, was born in the latter township, April 10, 1827. They reared five children, namely: Alice, who became the wife of J. S. Carrico, of Alexandria, this county; Abbie J., Lena, and Cyrus C., who reside in Jersey township; and Lewis, who lost his life in an accident, December 25, 1887. To Mr. and Mrs. Tharp have been born two children: Barton P., who married Myrtle Davenport, and resides with his parents; and Ora L., who also lives at home.

Mr. Tharp is a democrat in politics and is loyal to that party in national and state elections and although he has never desired to officiate in public office he is sufficiently interested in the issues of the day to keep well informed and also to use his vote and influence during campaigns to aid the candidates of his party to secure the offices they seek. Being industrious and aggressive and at the same time a man of upright character Mr. Tharp has not only won prosperity but has also promoted the welfare of the community.

SIDNEY B. LEVINGSTON.

Sidney B. Levingston is an efficient and highly respected member of the board of public service of Newark. He has contributed much toward the betterment of the community in which he resides both as a business man and public servant. He was born in Eden township, Ohio, October 5, 1854. His father, Bradley B. Levingston, was also a native of Licking county. For many years he was the proprietor of a tavern and store in the same county. He was highly esteemed and very popular throughout the community and for many years served as township supervisor. He was born in 1821 and passed away in 1897. The mother of the subject, Ellen (Copper) Levingston, was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, coming to Licking county, Ohio, when a young woman. She departed this life December 23, 1901, having attained the ripe age of eighty-two years.

Sidney B. Levingston, when he had attained the required age, was enrolled as a pupil in the common schools of his birthplace. Leaving school before having completed his course of study he was employed for a while in the vicinity of his birthplace, and then removed to Mary Ann township where among other positions he served as constable. Later he removed to Newark, Ohio, where in 1888 he engaged in the livery business and continued in that until 1903. At that time he disposed of his business interests and was elected a member of the board of

public service. Having served in this capacity for two years and eight months he again engaged in the livery business in which he remained until March, 1907. Being a second time elected a member of the board of public service he gave up the livery business and is now devoting his entire time to the duties of his official position.

In March, 1890, Mr. Levingston was united in marriage with Melissa Cochran, who passed away November, 18, 1906. Beside being a member of the German Benevolent Society Mr. Levingston is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Red Men, the Eagles and Modern Woodmen.

SAMUEL J. PETERS.

Samuel J. Peters, a prosperous farmer of Lima township, this county, who in connection with the tilling of the soil operates a small dairy, is a native son of Licking county, his birth having occurred in Lima township, December 22, 1845. He represents a family whose members have been identified with the agricultural interests of this state for many years. His paternal grandparents, Samuel and Caroline Pennelia (Peters) Peters, natives of Virginia, settled at an early date in Franklin county, where he departed this life when seventy years of age, his wife having lived to the age of eighty-six. They had eight children, namely: John; Samuel; Rev. Tunis, an old-school Baptist clergyman; Simeon; Harvey; Rev. Jonathan, who was also a Baptist clergyman; Joseph, who died in infancy; and Pennelia. The maternal grandparents of Samuel J. Peters were Theodric and Martha (Burdick) Warthen, natives of Virginia, who settled in Harrison township, this county, at an early date, and in whose family were seven children.

The parents of Samuel J. Peters were Simeon and Susan (Warthen) Peters. The father spent the greater part of his life on a farm in this township where he successfully followed farming and stock raising, and at his death, which occurred in 1887, when he was in his seventieth year, left considerable property. Among his children were: George W., who resides here; Samuel J.; Albion, an agriculturist of Jersey township; and Caroline, the deceased wife of Silas Longstreth.

Samuel J. Peters spent his boyhood days on his father's farm, his time being divided between the work of the fields and the acquirement of an education in the public schools. He was trained to habits of industry, early becoming familiar with the task of plowing, planting and harvesting and with all the work incident to the cultivation and care of the crops. He remained with his parents until after he was married, at which period of his life he took up farming independently on one hundred and sixty acres of land, all of which he has highly improved and which in every respect is an ideal farm. In his dairy business he has been especially successful and while he keeps on hand only ten head of cattle for that purpose they are of the very best breeds and his dairy products, being of the highest quality, have won him a remunerative patronage. Aside from this business he raises hay, wheat and oats, and having given considerable study to the nature of soils he has been successful in producing harvests on his small farm which from year to year have far exceeded those produced on farms containing a greater num-

ber of acres. Prosperity has attended him throughout his career and he is not only the owner of this excellent farm, but of considerable valuable property in Pataskala, where he possesses eight desirable building lots.

On August 30, 1866, Mr. Peters wedded Rosilla Moreland, who was born February 16, 1818, and has always resided on the farm which is now her home with the exception of two years, which were spent in the same neighborhood. She was a daughter of Nimrod and Sarah (Moon) Moreland, the former a native of Virginia and his wife of Fairfield county. Mr. Moreland came here with his parents when he was ten years of age and resided here until his death, which occurred in 1888, when he was eighty years of age, having survived his wife by eight years, her death having occurred in 1881, when she was in her sixty-ninth year. In their family were nine children, three of whom departed this life in infancy, the others being: Mary Headley, of Indiana; Sarah Ann, deceased; Hannah Bessie, deceased; Martha; Rosetta; and William, deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Peters have been born four children. Cora, the eldest, is the wife of Arthur Sprinkel, of Montgomery, Alabama, and they have two children, Marie and Ruth. Walter, who owns and operates one hundred acres in this township, was united in marriage to Miss Laura Wolcott and they have three children, Burdell, Marvin and Ruby. Minnie is the wife of John W. Keyser and with their four children, Dale, Samuel, Mata, and Wilmer, they reside on a farm in Lima township. Addie is the wife of Tilden Mazelin, an agriculturist of Etna township.

Mr. Peters' political affiliations have always been with the democratic party and although he has never aspired to hold public office he is a stanch advocate of the principles of his party and is a leading factor during campaigns in endeavoring to secure the election of its candidates. He is favorably known throughout the township, and his life has been such as to merit the respect and confidence of all with whom he associates.

HENRY B. KOONTZ.

Henry B. Koontz, a retired farmer residing in Newton township, was born in Washington county, Maryland, February 18, 1827, his parents being John and Susan (Bowman) Koontz, who were also natives of Maryland. In 1833 they made the journey westward and took up their abode in Licking county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. The father purchased land and carried on agricultural pursuits until called to his final rest in 1846, the county mourning the loss of one of its worthy and respected pioneer settlers. Unto him and his wife had been born ten children, namely: Maria, deceased; Henry B., of this review; Solomon, John, Catherine and Elizabeth, all of whom have passed away; Sarah, who is the widow of Beach Harris and makes her home in St. Louisville; Ellen, the wife of Calvin Harris, of St. Louisville; Eliza, deceased, and one who died in infancy.

Henry B. Koontz acquired a common-school education and when nineteen years of age started out in life on his own account by renting a farm, in the operation of which he was engaged for two years. He then purchased a farm of one

hundred and three acres. He added to this and now has one hundred and sixty acres in Newton township, on which he has since resided and, as the years have passed, has met with a gratifying and well-merited measure of prosperity in the careful conduct of his agricultural interests. He is now, however, living retired, having attained the venerable age of eighty-two years, and is widely and favorably known throughout the county in which he has spent practically his entire life.

On the 26th of October, 1853, Mr. Koontz was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary S. Coad, whose birth occurred in Licking county, April 14, 1829, her parents being William and Barbara (Topperman) Coad, natives of Loudoun county, Virginia. Mrs. Koontz was one of a family of seven children and by her marriage she became the mother of nine, as follows: Peter F., of St. Louisville; George M., a resident of Licking county; Flora, the wife of Dr. McKelvy, of Chatham; Sarah A., who makes her home with her father; Ida, deceased; Henry W., living in Newton township; Ann, the wife of Albert Riley, of Licking county; Clara J., the wife of William Riley, of this county; and John A., who is likewise a resident of this county. In 1906 Mr. Koontz was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away on the 26th of August of that year, her demise being deeply regretted by many friends as well as her immediate family.

In his political views Mr. Koontz is a republican, while fraternally he is connected with a Masonic body, and is a member of the Blue Lodge. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church at St. Louisville, with which his wife was also identified. For seventy-five years he has now been a resident of this county and is therefore largely familiar with its annals from a pioneer period down to the present time, his mind forming a connecting link between the primitive past, with all its attendant hardships and privations, and the progressive present. He has traveled far on life's journey and well merits the veneration and respect which are uniformly accorded him.

DANIEL LARIMORE.

Daniel Larimore, who for many years was a substantial farmer and highly respected citizen of Harrison township, this county, was born March 16, 1826, at Baltimore, Maryland, and departed this life on April 7, 1903, leaving behind him a reputation which will always justify his memory in being cherished as one of the most enterprising and straightforward citizens of the county. His parents were James and Eliza (De Wald) Larimore, and for many years he followed agriculture in Union township, later removing to a farm here, thence to Granville, subsequently returning to the old home farm until he retired in 1898 and spent the remainder of his days in Outville. In politics he was loyal to the democratic party and having been a man who always regarded his religious obligations as superior to all other affairs of life, he was an active church worker and affiliated with that denomination of Christians known as the Disciples of Christ.

Daniel Larimore was brought to this country with his parents when a lad and here he acquired his education in the district schools, remaining with his parents, assisting in the duties of the farm and learning the art of husbandry. All his

life he applied himself industriously to general agriculture, paying some attention to stock raising. On December 31, 1849, he wedded Samantha Essex, daughter of Isaac and Anna (Smock) Essex, he having been a native of the Keystone state while his mother was an Old Virginian. Her grandmother, Eliza Alden, was a native of Vermont and her grandfather, Isaac Essex, was a native of England and for many years was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, stationed at Columbus, Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. Larimore have been born: William, who lives in Kirkersville; Frank, residing in Chicago, Illinois; Belle, who resides with her mother; Lewis S., a practicing physician, who departed this life March 14, 1899, leaving three children, namely: Lewis, William and Frank; and Etta, residing in Outville.

Mr. Larimore was well known throughout the several communities in which he had lived as an exemplary character and his long years of activity contributed much toward the development of the natural resources of this county, in which he will long be remembered for his uprightness and the part he took in adding to its moral and spiritual betterment.

NELSON RICHARD BUCKLAND.

Nelson Richard Buckland, now deceased, who for many years was well known throughout Union township as a general agriculturist and a breeder of Delaine sheep, was born here June 11, 1837, and descends from a family the members of which settled in this part of the county in the early days. His grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Buckland, the latter a native of England, came to this county at an early date and secured a tract of land then covered with forest, upon which Mr. Buckland erected a log cabin and subsequently cleared off the land and put it under cultivation. Among his children was Nelson Buckland, who was twelve years of age when his father came here. For a number of years he engaged in the sawmill business, subsequently devoting his attention to farming, and was one of the few in this part of the country who owned and operated a carding machine. His first wife was Honor Wells, a native of Licking county, by whom he had three children: Miche, deceased, who was the wife of William Banatta; Byron S.; and William Richard. Their mother having departed this life, in 1839, Nelson Buckland wedded Miss Eliza Winters, who passed away in 1900. They had five children, namely: Sarah, who became the wife of William Palmer, and resides near Wagram, Ohio; Clara, the wife of Richard Van Dorn, of Newark; John, who wedded Anna McMillan and resides in Granville; Sanford, who lives with his wife, formerly May Henderson, on the home farm; and Laura, who resides with her husband, Charles Burner, in Baltimore, Maryland. The father died in the year 1888.

Nelson Richard Buckland was reared on his father's farm and during the short winter terms acquired his education in the neighboring school, after which he remained in Union township, where he engaged in general farming in connection with stock-raising, handling stock of all kinds and making a specialty of breeding Delaine sheep, until he departed this life. He owned two hundred and

forty acres of land which he kept under a high state of cultivation, and in addition to this he also tilled eighty-two acres, the possession of his wife, on which she now resides, both farms being well improved and equipped with substantial buildings. Mr. Buckland was a man whose enterprise and industry made him solicitous as to the appearance of his premises, and during his life he kept all his buildings and fences in excellent repair, and in every particular his farm bore the impress of the thrift of its owner. His long and useful career was terminated July 23, 1905, and many mourned his death.

In 1869 Mr. Buckland was united in marriage to Sarah Stone, a native of Union township, born August 28, 1849, and a daughter of Thomas and Julia (Hite) Stone. Her father was born in 1806, on the farm he cultivated and which contained five hundred acres of land, and his death occurred in the year 1882. He was well known throughout the county as a sheep-raiser and wool-grower, and kept on his place only high bred and registered stock. Mrs. Stone was a native of Maryland, born in 1816, and came to Ohio with her parents, Valentine and Mary Magdalene Hite. Mrs. Stone reared a family of six children, namely: Matilda, who became the wife of Isaac Slocum, both of whom are deceased; Wilson S., a resident of Union township; Sylvester, deceased; Sarah; Mary, who lives with her husband, William Hand, in Columbus, Ohio; and Minnie, wife of James Harter, residents of Kirkersville, this county.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Buckland are: Gettie, who is at home; Minnie, wife of Clarence Lawyer, of Union township; Della, who resides with her husband, James Clunes, in Hebron; Richard F., who was born July 14, 1884, and wedded Helen Embrey, by whom he has one daughter, Mary; and Honor, who became the wife of Dr. R. B. Embrey, of Pleasantville. Richard F. Buckland resides on the home farm and manages the place for his mother. Mr. Buckland throughout his life gave his support to the republican party. He belonged to Hebron Lodge, No. 116, A. F. & A. M., and also to the chapter at Newark, having been a very active man in Masonic circles. He was a member of the Licking Baptist church in which he held membership the greater part of his life, and having been a man who so lived as to command the respect and confidence of all who knew him, he was always accounted one of the township's most worthy citizens.

NATHAN QUINN FLEMING.

Nathan Quinn Fleming enjoys a national reputation as a breeder of standard thoroughbred horses and polled Durham cattle. His business in this section of the state exceeds in volume and importance that of any other breeder and not only has he won merited success but has also proven a benefactor to the race in improving the grade of stock raised, thereby materially advancing prices. His opinions always carry weight in stock-raising circles, for his long experience and the fact that he has been the owner of some of the finest stock produced in this country enable him to speak authoritatively upon the subject. Moreover, he is an alert, energetic business man, who notes and utilizes opportunities that others pass by heedlessly, and in all business transactions displays keen discernment and undaunted enterprise.



N. Q. FLEMING

Mr. Fleming was born in Perry township, Licking county, Ohio, December 7, 1831, and is a son of Thomas D. and Rebecca (Hall) Fleming, of whose family of four children two are yet living, Nathan Q. being the eldest. His sister, Matilda J., who was the wife of M. L. Montgomery, of Perry township, this county, died in March, 1909, while Hugh A. Fleming is living in Newark, Ohio. The father was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1807, and was the son of John and Mary (Caldwell) Fleming, who came to Licking county, Ohio, when Thomas D. Fleming was a child. They settled in Madison township, where the death of John Fleming soon afterward occurred, leaving a family of five children to the care of his widow.

On attaining his majority Thomas D. Fleming settled on a farm in Perry township, where he spent his entire life and became recognized as one of the most prominent and influential agriculturists of the community. As the years passed he prospered in his undertakings and, making judicious investments in property, became the owner of three hundred and fifty acres of some of the best land in Perry township. He died in August, 1880, in his seventy-fourth year, and thus closed a life of activity and usefulness. He was a consistent Christian man, holding membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. His political views accorded with the principles of the republican party and for twelve years he served as justice of the peace, his decisions being strictly fair and impartial. For several years he was also one of the township trustees and ever discharged his official duties with promptness and fidelity so that his course won for him the unqualified confidence of his fellow-men. His wife, who was born in Perry township, Licking county, in 1814, was a daughter of Allen and Nancy (Thrap) Hall, who were among the pioneer settlers of Perry township, coming here from Pennsylvania. Mrs. Fleming died in her eightieth year.

Nathan Quinn Fleming was born in a typical log cabin of the pioneer times and was educated in one of the little log schoolhouses common at that day, with its large fireplace, rude benches and primitive methods of instruction. Later he attended a select school taught by J. C. Miller. He was twenty-four years of age when he sought a companion and helpmate for the journey of life, being married in 1856 to Miss Sophia A. Wickham, a daughter of Gideon Wickham, who came to Licking county from Muskingum county.

The same year of his marriage Mr. Fleming purchased a portion of the old home farm and later acquired the entire tract which he still owns. In 1879 he removed to his present place of residence—a farm in Hanover township, which he had purchased some years before. He has been very successful throughout his entire business career, following a course where mature judgment and keen discrimination have led the way. He is seldom if ever at error in determining the value of a business situation and his keen sagacity and unfaltering industry have brought him gratifying success. As his financial resources increased he added to his property from time to time until he became the owner of nine hundred and seventy-five acres of valuable land, but has recently divided much of this among his children, retaining three hundred and eighty acres for himself. He has been an extensive cattle, sheep and horse raiser and this branch of his business has proved a most profitable source of income. He has always taken great pride in the standard of horses that he has raised and has furnished the community with some of the

best stock to be found in the state of Ohio. He has also engaged extensively in the breeding and raising of polled Durham cattle and has indirectly contributed to the general prosperity of the community by raising the standard of stock, whereby better prices are secured.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fleming were born four children, of whom three survive: Thomas G., a resident farmer of Hanover township; Carrie J., the wife of Orris C. McClelland, of Madison township, and Charles P., a farmer of Hanover township. Mrs. Fleming died May 13, 1888, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which denomination Mr. Fleming also belongs, contributing generously to its support and taking an active part in its work. Later he married Mary E. Marple. Mr. Fleming is a republican in politics, voting for the party where national issues are involved, but frequently casting an independent local ballot. He stands today as one of the men of sterling worth in the county whose business reputation is unassailable. He is honored and respected by all, not alone because of the success he has achieved but by reason of the straightforward business principles he has ever followed. His life may well serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others, showing what may be attained by determined, persistent effort and business probity. Moreover, he is one of the oldest native citizens of the county, having for more than seventy-seven years witnessed its growth and development, during which time he has seen it emerge from pioneer conditions and take rank with the leading counties of the commonwealth, its log cabins being replaced by substantial and commodious farm residences, while its villages have developed into cities and the work of improvement has been carried forward along many substantial lines.

MILES M. SHIPLEY.

Miles M. Shipley, one of the successful and enterprising agriculturists of Washington township, was born in Licking county, Ohio, May 13, 1867, his parents being Henry and Sarah (Parson) Shipley, the former a native of Holmes county, Ohio, and the latter of Licking county. The father followed the trade of carpentering in early manhood but subsequently turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, with which he was connected until his retirement from active business life. A democrat in his political views, he has served for six years as commissioner and is widely recognized as a substantial and public-spirited citizen of his community. Their family numbered eight children, as follows: Willis M., a resident of Benton township; Josiah C. and Elmer E., both residing in this county; Hiram, deceased; Miles M., of this review; Martha E., the wife of James Ship, of Licking county; Zoa Z., the wife of Ora C. Bowman, of Knox county, Ohio; and Charles H., who has also passed away.

Miles M. Shipley obtained his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. Subsequently he was engaged in the operation of a rented farm and when his unremitting industry and careful expenditure had brought him sufficient capital, he purchased property and is now well known as a prosperous and progressive farmer.

In 1890 Mr. Shipley was united in marriage to Miss Aldie Virginia Day, whose birth occurred in Licking county in 1865, her parents being John and Elizabeth (Edwards) Day. The father, a native of West Virginia, is a veteran of the Civil war and makes his home in this county. The mother, a native of Licking county, also yet survives. Unto our subject and his wife was born one child, who died in infancy.

In his political views Mr. Shipley is a stalwart democrat and is now serving as township trustee, which office he has held seven years. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias, No. 551, at Homer, and both he and his wife are devoted and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Utica. They are widely and favorably known throughout the county in which they have spent their entire lives, having ever displayed those sterling traits of character which, in every land and clime, awaken admiration and regard.

BENJAMIN E. JONES.

Benjamin E. Jones, who for many years carried on farming and stock-raising in Harrison township, and who was among its most prosperous agriculturists and highly respected citizens, was a native of Clay township, Knox county, Ohio, where his birth occurred November 19, 1839. He passed away July 28, 1904. His parents, Rev. Isaiah and Bolinda (Bell) Jones, were natives of Ohio. The father was born June 15, 1816, in the city of Worcester, and his death occurred in his eighty-fifth year. He was one of a family of four children, namely: Harrison, of Alliance, Ohio, who departed this life May 23, 1904, and who was chaplain in General Garfield's regiment and officiated at his funeral; Anne, who was united in marriage with Mr. Butler, now of Nebraska; Thomas; and Isaiah. Rev. Jones was a man naturally endowed with extraordinary intellectual capacities. Early developing the desire to become a minister of the gospel and not being able to avail himself of the learning of the schools to accomplish that purpose, he became a deep student of the Bible. Even when a lad he made himself familiar with the scriptures and at the age of seventeen years began preaching. Later, however, about the year 1875, he took a brief course of study to better equip him for his work and thereafter followed the ministry, in connection with farming, until the time of his death. He was well known throughout the country as a man of noble Christian character and was instrumental in doing much good in heightening the moral and spiritual conditions of the communities which he visited. In the Rev. Mr. Jones' family were five children, namely: Benjamin; Thomas M., who resides in Newark; Barclay I., of Granville; Lilly Belle, deceased, who was the wife of Dr. Kyle, of Granville; and Laneth Elizabeth, who departed this life in infancy.

Benjamin E. Jones spent his early days on his father's farm, where he learned the art of husbandry, and in the meantime attended the district schools, where he acquired his education. In 1856, when a young man, he removed with his parents to Newark township, where they settled upon a farm and subsequently, when they sold off the home place in city lots, removed to Holmes county, where he devoted

his energies to tilling the soil, later leaving that place and locating on a farm on the outskirts of Kirkersville, where he spent the remainder of his days in the pursuit of agriculture. He owned two hundred acres of land, all of which is thoroughly drained and under a high state of cultivation. He also built a comfortable frame dwelling, together with a substantial barn and outbuildings. His farm, being provided with every convenience, is one of the most desirable in the county and the attention which he had given it has put it in such excellent condition as to make it indicative of thrift and progress. Aside from pursuing general crops he also engaged, on a small scale, in stock-raising, keeping on hand only the best breeds of cattle and sheep.

Mr. Jones was twice united in marriage and by his first wife had one child, B. Rees, who resides in this township. His second marriage was to Miss Mary Catherine Stootfire, daughter of Jacob and Isabelle (Rogers) Stootfire, who were natives of Pennsylvania, he having been born on July 4, 1803, and his wife on April 16, 1815. In their family were six children, namely: Charles, a resident of Newark, Ohio; Lizzie, deceased; Mary Catherine; Francis, who resides in this township; Lorena, wife of Israel Rees; and John, who departed this life in boyhood. To Mr. and Mrs. Jones have been born three children: Isaiah, who manages the farm for his mother; Charles F., who also resides on the home farm; and Lorena Belle, deceased. Mr. Jones was loyal to the democratic party all his life and was a member of the York Street Disciple church, in which he was an active worker. He also belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he had many friends, and his funeral services were conducted by his lodge of that organization. He was a man whose long life was replete with industry and goodness and in departing this life he entered into eternity, fully conscious of realizing the earnest of his hope.

J. H. BURNER.

Among the citizens of Burlington township whose careers of activity and usefulness have left a lasting impression, not only upon the minds of the members of their families but also on the minds of the residents of the entire community, was J. H. Burner, who departed this life in the year 1902, leaving behind a host of relatives and warm friends to mourn his loss. In Greenbrier county, old Virginia, his birth occurred April 10, 1818, and when a babe of but eighteen months he was brought by his parents to this county, where he continued to live. While he derived personal benefit from the work of his hands, by his excellent traits of character he also contributed largely to the moral uplift of the community in which he lived.

Mr. Burner was of sturdy and thrifty German descent. Having served his apprenticeship at cabinet-making during his early days, he followed that occupation throughout his entire life and for skill in workmanship he won an enviable reputation. Later in life he added to his business of cabinet-making that of undertaking and followed these two occupations until the time of his death. He likewise conducted a grocery store and was postmaster of the town.

In the year 1845 Mr. Burner was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Condon, a native of Baltimore county, Maryland, where she was born in the year 1823. With her parents, both of whom have departed this life, she removed to this county when she was thirteen years of age. She had three sisters and six brothers, of whom the following survive: William, of Indiana; Cordelia, wife of David L. Palmer, who resides in Delaware; J. W., who lives in Indiana; Mary, wife of Dwight Smythe, of Burlington township; Jennie; Edward, of Indiana; and M. G., who is now in the state of Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Burner reared a family of seven children, the following of whom survive, namely: D. E., who resides in the state of Pennsylvania; Hattie S., who taught school for several years; W. L., of Columbus, Ohio; and George W., who is a physician in Bairdstown, Ohio.

After his marriage Mr. Burner removed to Homer, where he spent his remaining days. He was very successful in his business career and acquired considerable means and property which are now the possessions of his widow and daughter. In the village of Homer Mrs. Burner possesses three pieces of property, including her residence. In her early days she was a school teacher, having taken up that vocation when sixteen years of age.

During his lifetime Mr. Burner took an active interest in politics and for several years served as postmaster and at various times officiated in a number of township offices. His political convictions were in harmony with republican principles of which he had made a study and, believing them to be in every sense adequate for the welfare of the nation, he was enthusiastic during campaigns in striving to secure the election of republican candidates. He always fully met his religious obligations, which he considered the foremost interest in life, and was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

P. L. PRATT.

P. L. Pratt is president of the Pratt-Kirk Company of Newark, Ohio. This is a flourishing enterprise and not only does an extensive local business but ships goods to various portions of the state. Mr. Pratt was born in Granville, Ohio, on May 10, 1861. George B. Pratt, his father, was born in McKean township. His grandfather, Moses L. Pratt, was a native of Vermont and early in life came to Licking county. He was one of the early settlers of this part of the country and established the pioneer sawmill which was known as the old Pratt sawmill. The father of the subject also engaged in the lumber business and operated a sawmill. Later he established himself in the manufacture of furniture and followed this business until the time of his death in 1877. Mary Smith Pratt, mother of the subject, was a native of New England, having been born in the state of Massachusetts, from which state with her father, Jesse Smith, she migrated to Ohio in the early days.

The public schools of his native city afforded P. L. Pratt his education. Immediately upon leaving school he engaged in the planing mill business with his father, on the death of whom, associated with a brother, he carried on the business. Subse-

quently the present company known as the Pratt-Kirk Company was incorporated. The company was originally known as the Pratt & Montgomery of Granville, Ohio. In 1896 the firm moved its plant to Newark, Ohio, and since that time P. L. Pratt has been acting president of the company.

In 1883 he wedded Sarah Belle Hughes, of Columbus, Ohio. They have one daughter, Maud L. Pratt, and one son, George H. Pratt. Besides being a member of the Knights of Pythias Mr. Pratt also belongs to the Knights & Ladies of Security.

HUGH WILLIAMS.

Licking county numbered Hugh Williams among her worthy citizens. For many years he carried on agricultural pursuits in Lima township and his reliability in business affairs combined with the excellent traits of character which he displayed in other walks of life gained for him the unqualified respect and confidence of his fellowmen. He was born in the city of Dolgella, North Wales, January 7, 1830, and was a son of Robert and Eleanor (Roberts) Williams, whose family numbered eight children, three daughters and five sons, namely: Jacob, William, Robert, John, Hugh, Mary, Ellen and one daughter who died in Wales. It was in the year 1834 that the parents brought their family to the new world, locating in New York where they remained for several years. In 1849 they again traveled westward by way of the old Ohio canal and located in St. Albans township, Licking county, upon a farm which bordered the Jersey road. There the father carried on general farming until he was called to his final rest and his wife also passed away on the old homestead. In the meantime their children left home to enter upon the various duties of life and the last surviving member of the family was Hugh Williams who was also the youngest.

Mr. Williams of this review was but four years of age when the family crossed the Atlantic and while spending his youthful days in New York he attended the public schools there. He then accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio and remained upon his father's farm consisting of one hundred and ninety acres of valuable land. Upon the death of his father he inherited the homestead and there carried on general agricultural pursuits until April, 1869, when he removed to Lima township, where he made his home until his death. While in New York he had learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed during the greater part of his life, hiring others to carry on his farm work. He made substantial improvements upon his place, erecting a fine residence and also putting up substantial out-buildings for the shelter of grain and stock. His excellent workmanship in carpentering is manifest in a number of the fine buildings of this locality which were erected by him.

In 1853 Mr. Williams was united in marriage to Miss Cynthia C. Carter, who was born in Plain township, Franklin county, Ohio, April 20, 1832, and was a daughter of Havilah and Mahaley (Starkey) Carter, both of whom were natives of Hampshire county, Virginia. They came to Ohio with their respective parents, the two families locating first in Licking but subsequently removing to Franklin county north of Columbus. Havilah Carter was a son of Asa Carter, who purchased

two hundred and fifty acres of land in Plain township at the government price of a dollar and a quarter per acre. It was entirely wild and unimproved when it came into his possession but with characteristic energy he began its cultivation and transformed it into a good farm, upon which he spent his remaining days. He had a family of five sons and two daughters, namely: Havilah, Dedan, Addison, Ardellas, Crale, Julina and Lucinda, all of whom are now deceased. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Havilah Carter were three in number: Frederick C., Madaville P. and Cynthia C., who became Mrs. Williams.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Williams was blessed with four children: Soreno, who is married and lives in Idaho and has two children, Myrtle and Cora; John Henry, of Columbus, who is married and has a daughter, Edith; Ella May, who became the wife of Milton Forsythe and died in 1892, leaving a son, Edgar; and Violet, who wedded Bessie Monroe and now manages the home farm.

Mr. Williams was a member of Pataskala Lodge, No. 404, A. F. & A. M. and was a worthy exemplar of the craft. He took an active interest in the work of the organization, was honored with several offices and was at one time worshipful master. His religious obligations were always uppermost in his mind and he gave much time to church work, being one of the active and faithful representatives of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he became a member when sixteen years of age. He was also at one time a member of the local Grange and was interested in all that pertained to the agricultural progress of the community. His life was indeed an upright and honorable one, characterized by the faithful performance of every duty that devolved upon him. His integrity was an unquestioned point in his career and his business enterprise was supplemented by the most straightforward dealing. He was faithful, too, in all ties of friendship and was devoted to the welfare and happiness of his wife and children.

D. W. LARUE.

For upwards of a century the ancestors of D. W. LaRue have been prominently connected with the farming and stock-raising interests of Licking county, having settled here early in the nineteenth century and hence being numbered among the pioneers of the state of Ohio. Mr. LaRue was born July 15, 1837, on the farm he now has under cultivation and which was owned and developed by members of his family many years ago. His parents were John and Mary (Yates) LaRue, both of whom were reared in the state of Virginia and emigrated to this county in the year 1812. John LaRue was born in 1804 and his wife in 1809. He was a miller by trade, which occupation he followed until he was twenty-five years of age when he bought the old home farm, which embraces in the neighborhood of one hundred and thirty acres, on which he lived until he departed this life in 1861, his wife, who survived him by twenty-seven years, passing away on May 17, 1889. They reared a family of seven children, namely: Martha, widow of A. J. Walker, who is now in Newark, Ohio; Mary and Margaret, both of whom are deceased; Sarah C., who was united in marriage with John Dunlap, a prominent and prosperous farmer of Burlington township; D. W., of this review; and

two children who died in infancy. When John LaRue settled in this community it was practically in a primitive state, being covered with timber and undergrowth and having little land in readiness for cultivation. It necessitated hard work to make clearings and convert the soil into a fit condition for farming purposes but Mr. LaRue, inured to hardship, was undaunted in the presence of the difficulties which presented themselves and at once began to apply his energy to the end of clearing the land and so improving it as to make the soil respond with profit to the plowing and planting. During his life he succeeded in putting one hundred and thirty acres under a high state of cultivation, and worked on the farm until his life's labors were ended in death.

In his boyhood D. W. LaRue remained on the home farm, working in the fields from the time of early spring planting until crops were harvested in the late autumn, while during the winter seasons he attended the district school, thus obtaining his education. He remained at home and single until after his mother's death but in the meantime had purchased the interests of the other heirs in the property, upon which he still resides. On attaining his majority he began farming on his own account by renting the place and thus cultivated it for eighteen years, when he purchased the farm and is now the owner of ninety acres of rich land in Burlington township, which he has brought under a high state of cultivation. All his life has been given to general agricultural pursuits but now he is practically living retired, leaving much of the work of the farm to others. His success has been well merited for it has been gained through earnest, honest effort.

In the year 1892 Mr. LaRue was united in marriage with Mrs. Emma (Reynard) Shipe, a native of Shenandoah county, Virginia, where her birth occurred in the year 1856. Her parents, who are now deceased, reared a family of eight children. Mrs. LaRue has been a member of the Primitive Baptist church from the age of sixteen years and is an active worker therein. Mr. LaRue gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and is a firm believer in its principles. Although having attained an advanced age he is still blessed with health and vigor, and daily engages in some of the active duties of farm life. He is highly respected as a citizen throughout the community and is a man possessing excellent traits of character which have made him both prominent and useful as a citizen of the county.

JOHN F. COAD.

John F. Coad, who cultivates three farms in Washington township, this county, on which he produces large crops of corn, wheat and potatoes, and where to some extent he engages in raising cattle, was born August 8, 1859, at his present home place in Washington township. Here he has resided all his life, his children being the fourth generation of the family reared on this property. His grandfather, William Coad, was a blacksmith by trade and worked for some time in East Newark. Later he bought a farm ten miles north of Newark, which he cultivated until he departed this life. He was twice united in marriage and by his first wife had two children, one of whom was John Coad, and six children by his

second wife. John C. Coad, a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, wedded Mary A. Boyd, who was born in Washington township. He departed this life in the spring of 1882, at the age of sixty-one years, and her death occurred in 1903, when she was seventy-four years of age. Mr. Coad came here with his parents when a boy and at a time when a duck pond occupied the place on which the courthouse stands. They reared the following children: Cynthia, wife of Willard Smoots, of this township; Jennie, who became the wife of Fuller Moon, of Newark; Mary, of Utica, this county; Sarah Graves, deceased; Alice, who was united in marriage to Charles Smith, of Newark; Emma, wife of Edward Hollor, of Washington township; Loretta, wife of William Hollor, of Newark; Amon, who lives on a farm adjoining that of his brother John F.

In boyhood John F. Coad attended the district schools, where he acquired his education, and at the same time assisted his father in the duties of the farm. Upon completing his studies, he remained on the home place, where he has since, without intermission, been engaged in general farming and stock-raising. In this township he owns three farms, one containing one hundred and ten acres, another ninety-seven acres, and one seventy acres, having two hundred and seventy-seven acres of land under cultivation. In addition to these tracts of land he possesses six acres in Newton township, together with a number of lots in the village of St. Louisville. His farming interests are of large proportions and he pays particular attention to potato, corn and wheat crops, raising in the neighborhood of twenty-five hundred bushels of corn, one thousand bushels of potatoes, eight hundred bushels of wheat and seventy-five tons of hay annually together with from seventy-five to one hundred head of hogs and last year his harvests brought him over and above all expenses, twenty-five hundred dollars. He cultivates his land by the most modern methods and aside from owning a comfortable residence, his farm is equipped with excellent barns and outbuildings and with all the necessary machinery and is one of the best and most productive in the township.

In 1882 Mr. Coad wedded Jennie Harris, a native of St. Louisville, this county, where her birth occurred in 1865. She is a daughter of Beach and Sarah (Koontz) Harris, Mrs. Harris being now a widow. Mr. and Mrs. Coad have three sons: Charles, George and Carl. Mr. Coad and his wife attends divine services at the St. Louisville Lutheran church, of which he is an elder and in which they are earnest workers. He is a man whose excellent traits of character and straightforward dealings have won him the respect of his fellow townsmen and whose unremitting industry and perseverance, reinforced by good management, have enabled him to attain his present prosperity.

THEODORE F. WRIGHT.

Theodore F. Wright belongs to one of the old families of Licking county, established at Granville when this portion of the state was a frontier district. Since that time representatives of the name have been closely and helpfully associated with the work of general progress and development here. The ancestry is traced back to John Wright who, in 1538, became possessed by purchase of Kelvedon Manor in County Essex, England. Nathaniel Wright, numbered among his

descendants, was one of the original and distinguished officers of the Massachusetts Bay Company and owned one eighth part of the Admiral ship *Arabella*. His son Samuel embarked with his wife and family for the Massachusetts colony in 1638 and in the following year served as jurymen at Springfield, Massachusetts. Samuel, the grandson of Nathaniel, was killed by the Indians near Springfield. Eliphaz Wright, a descendant of Nathaniel, was born in Northampton, Massachusetts, August 18, 1749, and served as a soldier of the Revolutionary war. He and his son, Spencer Wright, who was born in Northampton June 30, 1770, came to Licking county as pioneer settlers in 1808 and made their home in Granville, becoming identified with the agricultural development of the locality. The latter served as a soldier of the war of 1812. In 1810 Spencer Wright and Justin Hillyer joined in a petition to Grand Master Lewis Cass praying for a dispensation to organize a Masonic lodge in Granville. The first meeting of these brethren was held in the first plastered room in Granville—fourteen and a half by nine feet, with a window containing a pane of glass eight by ten inches. Spencer Wright was also one of the organizers of the first Washingtonian Society of Licking county. He became one of the trustees of Granville Female College, which was incorporated in 1836, and his son Edwin C. and grandson Theodore F. Wright have both acted as trustees of this college.

Edwin Cooley Wright, a son of Spencer Wright, was born August 30, 1805, in Granville, Massachusetts, and died in Granville, Ohio, July 11, 1875. He succeeded his father in the leather business and yearly took large quantities of choice leather to New York by way of the Ohio canal from Newark to Cleveland, by Lake Erie to Buffalo and thence to the metropolis. He continued one of the worthy citizens and representative business men in Granville up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1875 when he was seventy years of age. He married Orlena Hillyer who was the first white female child born in Granville township. Her father, Justin Hillyer, came from Granville, Massachusetts, with a colony of about seventy people who settled in Licking county and founded the town which they called Granville in honor of their old home in New England. Mrs. Wright was here reared and spent her entire life, her death occurring in 1876 when she was sixty-nine years of age.

Theodore F. Wright, the subject of this review, was born in Granville, Ohio, in 1844 and supplemented his education acquired in the public schools of his native town by study in Denison University. In 1861 he left that institution to join the Seventy-sixth Regiment of Ohio Volunteers with which he served until July, 1862, or until after the battle of Corinth, being discharged from the hospital at the date mentioned. In May, 1864, he joined the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served under General Lew Wallace at the battles of Donelson and Shiloh and also in the battle of Monocacy.

After being mustered out Mr. Wright came to Newark and engaged with the wholesale grocery firm of Jewett & Wright until 1866. In that year he went south to Arkansas where he remained upon a plantation until 1880 when he returned to his native county and became cashier of the Bank of Granville. Filling the position until 1903, he then retired and was identified with no active business interests until 1905, when he became connected with the Licking County Building & Savings Association as its secretary.

In 1869 Mr. Wright was married to Miss Eliza Clark, a native of Indiana, and to them were born ten children of whom eight are now living. Mr. Wright still retains his membership with the Presbyterian church of Granville. He is well known throughout the county as a representative of one of its oldest families and as a citizen of genuine personal worth.

MAURICE WATKINS.

Maurice Watkins, active and energetic, determined and resolute, has made for himself a creditable position in business circles, being now the popular and honored president of the Alexandria Bank Company. He was born in Newark township north of the city of Newark, November 7, 1850, his parents being John and Helen (Daniels) Watkins, both of whom were natives of Cardiganshire, Wales. They came to America in their childhood days, Mrs. Watkins with her parents while Mr. Watkins made the voyage across the Atlantic with his brothers. Both spent their remaining days in the new world. John Watkins was a stone cutter in early life while later he devoted his attention to farming. He died January 1, 1860, leaving a daughter Mary, now the wife of Richard Beeny, a resident of St. Louisville, Ohio, and twin sons, John H. and Maurice, but seven weeks old. Later the father married again and had three children by his second wife.

Maurice Watkins was but nine years of age at the time of his father's death. Peter Haller was then appointed guardian for the three children and Mr. Watkins of this review remained with him until thirty years of age. He acquired his early education in the common schools and afterward attended Denison University at Granville, Ohio, for a year. He engaged in teaching in the county schools for one year, after which he devoted his attention to farming with Peter Haller. At the time of his marriage he purchased a part of the Haller farm but did not reside upon it. Twenty-five years ago he removed to St. Albans township, settling on his wife's farm north of Alexandria where he lived until 1904, when he took up his abode in the town. Here with others he organized the Alexandria Bank Company and was elected its president on the 1st of November, 1905. This has become recognized as a strong banking institution and has been a factor in educating the people of the community to the methods of the banking business. Mr. Watkins is capable and efficient in its control and under his direction the bank has made substantial and gratifying progress. In addition to his stock in that institution he and his wife are the owners of three valuable and productive farms in Licking county comprising three hundred and eighty-five acres, to which he gives his personal supervision. He also has a fine home in Alexandria which was erected by his mother-in-law, owning the entire block.

In 1881 Mr. Watkins was married to Miss Mary C. Charles, a native of Newark and a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Davies) Charles, who were natives of Wales and died in America. The father was an extensive raiser and dealer in live stock and in fact his operations in that line exceeded all others during his lifetime. Both Mr. and Mrs. Watkins are widely known in this part of

the county, occupying a prominent position in social circles. Mr. Watkins gives his political allegiance to the democracy, has served as township trustee for seven years, has been mayor of Alexandria for one term and justice of the peace for three years. He is interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community and gives hearty cooperation to movements which are put forth along progressive lines for the benefit of the town and county. He is connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in every relation he commands the good will and trust of his fellow townsmen while his business energy and enterprises are carrying him into important financial relations.

FRANK THEODORE MAURATH.

Frank Theodore Maurath, at the time of his death, March 27, 1909, was city auditor of Newark and his official record, which extends over a long period, is one characterized by the utmost fidelity to principle in every relation, together with businesslike dispatch of the duties devolving upon him. Moreover, he enjoyed the distinction which comes to but few men of occupying seven different offices at the same time. He was born in Newark on the 5th of March, 1874, a son of Edward was born in Coshocton county, Ohio.

J. and Clara (Wilson) Maurath, the former a native of this city while the mother

From his infancy Frank T. Maurath was reared in the city which was his place of residence at the time of his demise, and pursued his education in the public and parochial schools, attending the Newark high school in the acquirement of a literary course, while for a time he was also a student in Professor Beene's Business College of Newark. On leaving the high school he entered the coal office of his father, with whom he was associated until the summer of 1899, when he was called from private pursuits to public life, for in June of that year he entered the office of the city clerk, being appointed to succeed C. S. Brady, who died at that time. Mr. Maurath remained as the efficient incumbent in the office up to the time of the adoption of the new code in 1902, when the city auditor's office was created. The new code went into effect in May, 1903, and in the following November Mr. Maurath was the first man elected to the office. The term was to cover three years, but through an act of the legislature the first term was extended one year and eight months. Prior to the expiration of this extended term in the November election of 1907, he was again nominated and once more chosen for the position, so that his incumbency covered almost eight years. His reelection was the endorsement of his first term's service and he continued throughout the period of his connection with the office as a most capable official, discharging his duties with notable promptness and fidelity.

While Mr. Maurath was widely known through his connection with the political interests of the county, he also made a most creditable record in business circles. He was associated with his brother, Edward W., as one of the owners of the Newark Warehouse & Storage Company, doing a general draying and storage business. For three years Mr. Maurath was the business manager for the Newark Baseball Club. As indicated, he had the notable record of having filled seven dif-

ferent official positions at the same time. When he was elected city auditor he was acting as city clerk and was then appointed clerk of the council, was clerk of the board of public service, clerk of the board of public safety, clerk of the board of health, secretary of the sinking fund, clerk of the tax commission and trustee, while at the same time by virtue of his office he served as secretary of the board of education, which constituted the canvassing board. In politics he was always a stalwart democrat, giving to the party stanch allegiance because he believed that its platform contains the best elements of good government.

Mr. Maurath was a member of St. Francis Commandery, No. 151, of the Knights of St. John. He also held membership relations with Newark Lodge, No. 391, B. P. O. E.; Cedar Camp, No. 4727, M. W. A.; Newark Council, No. 721, Knights of Columbus; and Newark Aerie, No. 387, F. O. E. His religious faith was that of the Catholic church. In July, 1907, he married Miss Ada Follett, a daughter of Charles H. Follett, a well known attorney of Newark. The death of Mr. Maurath was very sudden and entirely unexpected throughout the community. In commenting on his demise one of the local papers said: "His popularity in the community was never questioned, but it never was realized as much as when the news circulated that he had passed away. The city of Newark has much to thank Frank Maurath for, because there never was a more public spirited man. He wanted his home city to be the foremost in the ranks. Politically he was shrewd and careful. Fraternally he was constant and devout to the obligations he assumed. Personally he was a man whom any one would be proud to meet. Socially he was a prince of good fellows; when he was your friend he would sacrifice his own needs to lend a helping hand. In the discharge of his duties in a business way he was painstaking and farsighted and true to the people who elected him to office, always turning a deaf ear to any proposition that would be detrimental to the interests of his constituents and to the city. As a husband he was loving, thoughtful, devoted and constant. As a son and brother he was never forgetful."

ORLANDO B. YOUNG.

Orlando B. Young, one of the substantial, well known and enterprising citizens of Newark township, is the owner of a valuable tract of land of seventy-eight acres, known as the Spruce Lawn farm, and is successfully engaged in the conduct of an extensive dairy. His birth occurred on the 9th of April, 1855, about a mile and a half from his present place of residence. His paternal grandfather, William C. Young, who was a native of Kentucky, lost his mother when three years of age and was then reared by his grandfather, the father having married a second time and taken up his residence in Virginia. About the year 1812 William C. Young came to Licking county, Ohio, settled on a farm in sight of the then village of Newark, and here spent the remainder of his life, passing away at the age of forty-five years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Rachel Coffman, was born in Virginia and in 1811, prior to the arrival of her future husband, came to this county on horseback. The following year she returned to her native state, was married and then accompanied her husband on his removal to this county. On account of the early demise of her husband and the necessity of providing for her children,

she was employed at tailoring, thus meeting the expenses of the household. Her death occurred in Licking township, in her eighty-fourth year. The record of her children is as follows: Arbelia Brubaker, Rebecca Fulton, Sarah Narcissus Kinney, Eleanor Kinney, Jane Moody, David B. and William and Willis, twins. All lived to maturity and reared families of their own. David and Angeline (Coffman) Young, the parents of Orlando B. Young, were both natives of Newark township and spent their entire lives on a farm here. Their family numbered four children, namely: Mary, who died in infancy; Olive Moore, who died, leaving one daughter, Fannie; Orlando B., of this review; and William Joseph, a resident of McPherson, Kansas.

Orlando B. Young was still in his first year when brought by his parents to McKean township and subsequently was taken to Madison township, where he resided between the ages of four and sixteen years. At that time he lost his parents, both his father and mother and likewise a sister dying of typhoid fever within four weeks. Subsequently he spent two years in Newark, on the expiration of which period he came to Newark township, here remaining until twenty-four years of age. He then resided for a year in Kirkersville and during the succeeding four years lived in Fairfield county. In 1883 he was married and took up his abode on his present farm, which was the property of his father-in-law. The place, which comprises seventy-eight acres and is known as the Spruce Lawn farm, is situated two and three-fourths miles southwest of the courthouse on the Cherry Valley road. Here Mr. Young conducts an extensive dairy, owning about forty head of cows and is meeting with excellent success in his undertakings. The farm buildings are all commodious and substantial and Mr. Young resides in a brick dwelling which was erected by his father-in-law in 1866.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Young chose Miss Mattie Fulton, the only daughter of Robert and Jane (Keeran) Fulton, who were natives of Virginia and came to Newark in 1826. The paternal grandparents were Robert and Jane (Lilley) Fulton, the former being a native of Ireland and the latter of Irish parentage. They settled in Newark township, on what is now Granville street, and spent the remainder of their lives in this vicinity. The grandfather bought a portion of the old homestead in 1838 and following his demise his son Robert, the father of Mrs. Young, purchased the interest of the other heirs in the property and made his home thereon until called to his final rest. Robert Fulton, Sr., lived to a venerable age and reared a family of three sons and three daughters. Robert Fulton, Jr., had also attained an advanced age, being in his eighty-seventh year when he passed away, and in his family were two sons and a daughter, namely: John W., a resident of Granville township; William L., of Kansas; and Mrs. Young. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Young have been born the following children: Laurel, the wife of Clyde Doughty, the couple residing on a portion of her father's farm; Helen, the wife of R. A. Belt, of Granville township; Hazel and Ada, who are at home; and Robert and Dorothy, deceased.

In his political views Mr. Young is a stalwart democrat, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Fifth Street Baptist church, of Newark, with which he has been affiliated since 1866, taking an active and helpful interest in mission work. He likewise belongs to Cedar Camp, No. 4727, M. W. A., of Newark, having been its standard bearer for the past six years, and is also identified with Newark Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, being an active worker in the last

named organization. He is one of the charter members of the Licking County Patrons Mutual Fire Insurance Association, which was organized in 1902, at which time he was elected its secretary and is still serving in that position. He is widely recognized as a representative citizen and worthy native son of the county and has fully sustained the honorable record and untarnished name of his grandfather and father, whose labors were a substantial factor in the agricultural development of this portion of the state.

RAY McWILLIAMS.

Ray McWilliams, who owns and operates a well improved farm of eighty acres situated in Newton township, was born in Knox county, Ohio, August 18, 1859, and is a representative of an old and prominent pioneer family of that section of the state. The McWilliams family was founded in Ohio by William McWilliams, who was a native of Ireland, but came to the Buckeye state from Virginia in 1818. He had a family of five sons and one daughter and in Knox county entered a quarter section of land for each of them. Three of the sons spent almost their entire lives on the land which had thus been entered from the government. William McWilliams laid out in town lots the ground north of Utica street, in what was known as Williamsburg, but was later called Martinsburg. His son, John McWilliams, the grandfather of our subject, was a little lad of five or six years at the time the family removed from Virginia, his native state, to Knox county, Ohio. He there grew to years of maturity and was married to Lydia Ferguson, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania. Her death occurred in 1876, while John McWilliams, surviving a few years, died in 1882. Their family included George S. McWilliams, the father of our subject. He was born in Knox county and wedded Miss Martha E. Rice, who was likewise a native of that county. Numbered in the family were four children, namely: James A., a resident of Newark; Ray, of this review; Anna, also living in Newark; and Carrie, deceased. The father died in 1895 but the mother still survives and makes her home in Newark.

Ray McWilliams, the immediate subject of this article, was reared on a farm and pursued his education in the common schools. He remained under the roof-tree of his parents until he attained his majority, during which time he gave his father the benefit of his services and at that period in his life established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Catherine Bricker, who was born in Licking county in 1858, a daughter of Hiram and Malissa Bricker, mentioned in connection with the sketch of David Bricker on another page of this work.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams began domestic life upon a rented farm, operated by him for two years. Subsequently, he purchased one hundred and six acres in Washington township, on which he made his home for twenty-three years. He then disposed of that property and invested his money in eighty acres, situated in Newton township, where he now makes his home. The place is improved with good buildings and in addition to general farming Mr. McWilliams raises stock, making more of a specialty of the latter branch of business, in which he is meeting with success.

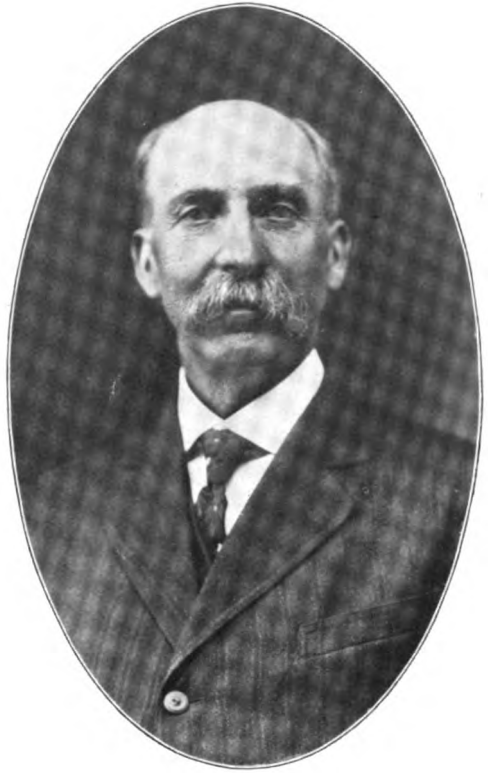
The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams has been blessed with six children : Otta B., the wife of Harry Tippet, of Homer, by whom she has one son, Stanley Ray; Orra, at home; Nellie, the wife of Arthur Oldacher, a resident of Knox county, this state, by whom she has four children, Juanita, Bernice, Jack and Louis K.; Elsa, Reed, and Clarence H., all still under the parental roof.

Mr. McWilliams has always given stalwart support to the men and measures of democracy and at the present writing is serving as trustee of the township, while for two terms he has served on the school board. He is a member of Utica Lodge, No. 777, I. O. O. F. Both he and his wife are members of the Disciples church. Having overcome the obstacles and difficulties in his path in earlier life, Mr. McWilliams is now achieving a prosperity of which he has every reason to be proud and both he and his estimable wife are held in high regard by their many friends.

ISAAC GRUBB.

Isaac Grubb, who is a farmer and breeder of fine stock in Bennington township, this county, was born in Pike township, Knox county, Ohio, June 7, 1851, a son of Daniel H. and Elizabeth (Brunnbaugh) Grubb. The father was a tanner by trade but in his latter years he devoted his attention to agriculture, being well known throughout the county as an industrious and enterprising farmer. He departed this life in the spring of 1885, surviving his wife by thirteen years, and his excellent qualities of character together with his exemplary life will long preserve his memory in the hearts of those among whom he lived.

When a boy Isaac Grubb attended the district school of his native township, in the meantime engaging in the various duties of the farm, and when he had completed his studies there he was given the advantage of a course in Perryville Academy and also of one year's training in the university at Ashland, Ohio. Immediately upon leaving school he adopted teaching as a profession which he successfully followed for seven years in Knox county, during which time he won an enviable reputation as a progressive educator. After he was united in marriage he left the school room and for a period of two years engaged in agricultural pursuits in his native township, at the expiration of which time, in 1884, he went into the general merchandising business in North Liberty, Knox county. He continued in that enterprise for fourteen years, during which time he had acquired an extensive patronage and in connection with his other business carried on undertaking to some extent. He was also postmaster during this entire period. In 1898 he exchanged his business for a farm in Bennington township, where he has since resided. He owns two hundred and twenty-five acres of highly improved land, provided with a comfortable dwelling, commodious barns, outbuildings and all necessary conveniences of a modern and model farm, and in addition has added to the worth of his place by an excellent system of drainage. He is one of the most progressive agriculturists in the township, always alert for new and better methods and, having made a study of soils and crop rotation, he has been so successful in planting his fields as to derive the maximum yield per acre. He



MR. AND MRS. ISAAC GRUBB

is largely interested in stock-raising, making a specialty of registered Delaine sheep, which he uses for breeding purposes, and he engages in shipping stock to different parts of this state and also to Pennsylvania and Virginia. In addition to sheep-raising he also takes an interest in breeding draft horses, cattle and hogs. Everything on his farm is of the best and it presents the appearance of thrift and enterprise.

On March 21, 1882, he wedded Miss Alice Bechtel, daughter of David S. and Salome (Kagarice) Bechtel, whose parents descend from prominent families of Bedford county, Pennsylvania. Her father, a farmer of Blair county, Pennsylvania, died November 17, 1908, while her mother departed this life March 5, 1875. To Mr. and Mrs. Grubb have been born six children, namely: Homer D., a practicing dentist in Bellaire, Ohio; Orva C., who assists his father on the farm; David B., a student at the Ohio University in Athens; Adin A.; Paul E.; and Lulu F., at home.

In politics Mr. Grubb is a democrat while his five sons are divided on the question, one being a republican, three following in the footsteps of their father and one being a staunch adherent of the prohibition party. He has served the township for a number of years as an efficient member of the school board. Both he and his wife are strong supporters of the public school system, ready to promote any movement which will enhance the educational advantages of the community and spread general knowledge. Both are fond of literature and in addition to being supplied with standard works they have all the current literature and patronize the various magazine publications. Mr. Grubb and the members of his family hold membership in the Brethren church of which he is a liberal supporter. Any one entering the Grubb home would readily observe that it is the dwelling-place of highly cultured and refined people, proof of which is everywhere in evidence.

JAMES R. FITZGIBBON.

James R. Fitzgibbon, numbered among the forceful and capable members of the Licking county bar, is now serving as prosecuting attorney and that he is making excellent record in office is indicated in the fact of his reelection in 1905. A native of Newark, he was born December 25, 1870, his parents being William P. and Rose (McKernan) Fitzgibbon, the former a native of County Clair and the mother, of County Antrim, Ireland. About 1852 they came to America, settling in Licking county, Ohio. The father followed various business pursuits for a number of years, remaining a resident of this city until his death. His wife still survives.

James R. Fitzgibbon was reared in the city of Newark and pursued his education in the parochial and public schools, while later he entered Notre Dame University and on the completion of the literary course was graduated in 1892 with the degree of Bachelor of Letters. In preparation for a professional career, for he had decided upon the practice of law as his life work, he entered the law school of the Ohio State University at Columbus, and was graduated in June, 1894.

Immediately afterward he was admitted to the bar and began practice in Newark where he since continued. Earnest effort, close application and the exercise of his native talents have won him prestige as a lawyer and his practice is extensive and of an important character. His preparation of cases is characterized by wide research and provident care. At no time has his reading ever been confined to the limitation of the question at issue. He has gone beyond and compassed every contingency, providing not alone for the expected but also for the unexpected, which happens in the courts quite as frequently as out of them. His professional ability was recognized in his nomination and election to the office of prosecuting attorney of Licking county in 1902, and public endorsement of his course was further given him in his reelection in 1905.

On the 26th of June, 1901, Mr. Fitzgibbon was married to Miss Florence E. Fulton of Newark and they had two children, William F. and James R. Mr. Fitzgibbon is a stalwart democrat in politics, always taking an intense interest in the work of his party and doing his share toward promoting its success. He has made many campaign addresses and is strong in argument and logical in his appeals to the intelligence of those who exercise the right of franchise.

WILLIAM SHERMAN NEEDHAM.

William Sherman Needham, editor of the Pataskala Standard, a newspaper well known throughout the state, is a native of Lancaster, Fairfield county, where his birth occurred March 25, 1865, and is a son of Esra M. and Lydia B. (Wright) Needham. His father, a native of Vermont, followed merchant tailoring until his death in 1895, when he was seventy-three years of age. His mother, a native of Lancaster, Ohio, and now living with her son William, is a daughter of Edwin Wright, who was well known in newspaper circles in that place, where he was connected with the Gazette and the Eagle. To Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Needham were born seven children, namely: Ella, the wife of W. B. Hahen, of Newark, Ohio; Frank A., a merchant tailor of Utica, Ohio; Harry W., who resides in Columbus, Ohio, and is a conductor on the street railway; Charles F., a proof reader on the Ohio State Journal; William Sherman; and two deceased.

William Sherman Needham resided in his birthplace until he was six years of age, his parents then locating in New Lexington, Ohio, where he attended school until 1873, during which year he removed to Millersport, Ohio, and then to Etna, Ohio, and in 1879 with his parents came to Pataskala, where he completed his education. He afterward learned the tailoring trade with Mead & Youmans and to perfect himself in this line of business, in 1886 went to Columbus, where he spent some time learning the art of cutting. Subsequently he went to New York city, where in 1890 he was graduated from Mitchell's Cutting School and then, returning to this state, he located in Utica, this county, and opened up a tailor shop in partnership with his brother, Harry W., the firm being known as Needham Brothers. After conducting the enterprise for three years he disposed of his interests to another brother and in 1903 returned to Pataskala and bought the Pataskala Standard, a well known and influential newspaper in this part of the state. It had always been his desire to engage in the newspaper business and when a boy

of sixteen years he contributed a number of articles to a Columbus daily paper, this kind of work becoming natural to him, his grandfather having been well known in newspaper circles. The Pataskala Standard is republican in politics and since Mr. Needham has become its proprietor and editor he has gradually extended its influence and it is now accepted as one of the strongest republican political organs, as well as a reliable medium of current events.

In 1890 Mr. Needham wedded Carrie D. Mead of Pataskala, a daughter of W. H. Mead, Sr. She departed this life in 1899, leaving her husband and three sons: William S., Harold M. and Donald O. Mr. Needham's politics are evident from the fact that he is proprietor of a republican newspaper and while he has not been an office seeker he was honored, in 1897, by being appointed postmaster of Pataskala, the duties of which office he has since been performing. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. A man whose influence as an editor and citizen is on the side of right, he contributes to the best of his ability to the general good of the community through the columns of his paper, and in other ways, he deserves the confidence and respect entertained for him by his fellow citizens.

W. L. PHILLIPS.

W. L. Phillips, who owns and operates a valuable and well improved farm of two hundred and seventy-three acres in Perry township, is a native of Licking county, Ohio, his birth having here occurred on the 6th of June, 1857. His parents, William and Elizabeth (Smith) Phillips, were natives of New York and Ohio respectively. The mother was called to her final rest in January, 1887, when fifty-seven years of age, and was survived by her husband for only a brief period, his demise occurring six months later. Unto this worthy couple were born nine children, namely: Hannah, Martha, Walter, Albert and Mason D., all of whom have passed away; Mary, who makes her home in Newark, Ohio; Charles F., who is also deceased; W. L., of this review; and Frank, a resident of Perry township.

W. L. Phillips attended the common schools during the period of his boyhood and youth and when he had attained his majority rented his father's farm, which he successfully operated for fifteen years. At the end of that time, by dint of close economy and good management, he had succeeded in acquiring capital sufficient to enable him to purchase his present place of two hundred and seventy-three acres in Perry township, in the cultivation of which he has since been engaged. The many substantial improvements which are today seen on the property stand as monuments to his enterprise and thrift and he is moreover widely recognized as one of the prosperous and energetic agriculturists of the community.

In 1878 Mr. Phillips was united in marriage to Miss Ella Farrell, a daughter of Wesley and Lucinda Farrell, whose family numbered seven children. The death of Mr. Farrell occurred in August, 1895, but his widow still survives and makes her home in this county, having attained the age of eighty-three years. Unto our subject and his wife have been born two children: Orville M., at home; and Wendell A. D., of Columbus, Ohio.

In his political views Mr. Phillips is a staunch republican and has taken an active and helpful interest in public affairs, having served as treasurer for one term and as trustee for eight years. His religious faith is indicated by his membership

in the Disciple church, with which his wife is also identified. A resident of Licking county throughout his entire life, he is widely and favorably known here and has moreover witnessed the wonderful growth and development that has characterized this section of the country during the last half century.

JOHN A. KECKLEY.

John A. Keckley has been engaged in general farming pursuits in Burlington township, Licking county, practically all his life, and through his unremitting energy and careful management has derived sufficient remuneration from his years of patient toil to enable him to enjoy a season of pleasure and comfort during his declining years. On the farm where he now resides his birth occurred March 19, 1832, since which time he has always lived in this county and from boyhood continued his labors as an agriculturist. His parents were John and Christine (Beckenbaugh) Keckley, the mother a native of Greene county, Pennsylvania, and the father of West Virginia. He came to this county in the year 1821, at which time he bought an extensive tract of land with a view to engaging in farming. The land, however, was far from being in a fit state of cultivation since at that time the country was in a primitive condition and the broad acres, which in season are covered with waving grain, were then in a wild state, covered with timber and underbush. Upon locating in this region his first work was the erection of a log cabin to give shelter to himself and family. Immediately he set to work clearing off the land with a view to using it for general agricultural purposes. This was obviously not an easy task but Mr. Keckley, being a man inured to hardship and ready for toil, as were all the pioneers of those days, was undaunted in the presence of difficulties, and by incessant labor finally succeeded in hewing out the timber and undergrowth, grubbing up the stumps, and eventually placing the land he had purchased in a fit condition to be worked by plow and harrow and planted in grain. Here he labored arduously improving his land until the year 1875, when in felling a tree he met with an accident which caused his death. His wife survived him eighteen years. To this union there were eight children: V. S., a resident of Kansas; John A.; and six deceased.

On the old home place, assisting in the performance of the farm duties during the summer season and attending the district school during the winter, John A. Keckley remained until he was nineteen years of age, when he left the employ of his father and engaged in work on a nearby farm for a period of one year. After this short service he rented a farm and began agricultural pursuits independently and carried on the occupation successfully for four years. During this time he was incessant in his toil and, being ambitious, put forth every effort in order to turn his labor into profit. His efforts were not in vain, and at the expiration of this period he had sufficient means to purchase the farm which he is now cultivating. It embraces one hundred and eleven acres of land, all of which is tillable and is yielding large crops under the careful management and studied methods of the owner. The many years he has been following farming here have witnessed his unremitting energy and now, at the advanced age of seventy-seven years, he may enjoy the leisure and comfort which are his just due.

Mr. Keckley was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Staley, whose birth occurred in Union county, Ohio, March 16, 1840. She was one of a family of eight children and her parents passed away in the county of her birth. Mr. and Mrs. Keckley are the parents of the following children: Ida O., deceased; Clarence S.; Emma S., wife of J. R. Parks; Ernest U.; Abbie L., wife of A. J. Ferguson, of Newark, Ohio; William L.; and Delbert L., of the same place; Osie O. and Buddy G., both of whom are deceased; and Harry L. Mr. and Mrs. Keckley are adherents of that religious body known as the Disciples of Christ, and are very faithful in the observance of their church obligations. In politics Mr. Keckley is a republican. While he does not reach out after political preferment he is a deep student of political questions and his investigation of the principles of the republican platform has led him to the conclusion that they are entirely adequate to assure the permanent prosperity of the country. It has been through his good judgment, modest habits, and careful management that he has won success and enjoys his present prosperity.

GEORGE L. SMITH.

George L. Smith is well known and highly respected in the business circles of the city, and as well in political circles. He is manager of the Newark Gear-Wood Company and, while he has not put himself forward as an aspirant for political office, yet owing to his honesty, thoughtfulness and executive ability he has been sought by his fellow citizens to come before the public, and consequently has for some time held the honor of representing his ward in the city council. He is a man of sound judgment and acknowledged as reliable in all matters of business and is looked upon as one of the most conservative men in commercial lines in the city. He was born in Franklin township, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, February 26, 1866. He is of German and Scotch extraction. His father, George W. Smith, was a native of Lawrence township in the same county. In his younger days of activity the elder Smith was acknowledged to be one of the finest carpenters throughout the entire region. He is still living in his native town and is in excellent health at the advanced age of seventy-four years. George Smith, grandfather of the subject, migrated from Scotland in the early days and settled in Tuscarawas county. He had been a basket maker in the old country and upon locating in the United States established himself in the basket making business, which he followed until the time of his death. Catherine Patterson Smith, mother of the subject, was also a native of Tuscarawas county, where she is still living. Mr. Smith's ancestors, as far back as they can trace in history, are long lived on both sides of the house, and many of them have lived to attain great age.

George L. Smith had few advantages in an educational line. When a mere lad he was enrolled as a pupil in the schools of Tuscarawas county, but was compelled to give up his studies before he had completed the entire course and go out into the world for himself. He initiated himself into the business world when he was ten years of age. He employed at whatever he could get until finally he apprenticed himself to a gear maker and wood worker in Canton, Stark county, Ohio. He continued in this line of work for some time, all the while showing a natural

aptitude for wood mechanism. His progress was rapid and he finally succeeded in becoming a master gear maker and wood worker. In 1894 he repaired to Newark, Ohio, and secured employment with the Newark Gear-Wood Company. At the time Mr. Smith entered the employment of the firm it was in its infancy. He had not been at work long for this company when his artisanship was recognized as being of high class. He soon made himself one of the most useful men in the employ of the firm, and one who was adding greatly to its interests. The class of fine work which Mr. Smith turned out gave the company a wide reputation. His services finally became appreciated as invaluable and he was promoted to the responsible position of manager of the company, in which station he has been serving for the past three year.

In 1894 he wedded Marguerite Nalbach, who was a native of Germany. They have the following children: Loren, Gladys, George, Harold, Helen and Catherine. Mr. Smith is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen and the American Insurance Union. Religiously, he is a member of the Lutheran church. While Mr. Smith is abreast of the times with respect to political issues he has always withheld becoming actively interested in politics beyond casting his vote and using his influence for the election of candidates best fitted for public service. He has always himself been opposed to holding public office, although being a popular citizen he has been invited to launch out in the political world. However, he has been prevailed upon to be a politician to the extent of representing the citizens of his ward in the city council. He has been a councilman for the past four years.

ARTHUR J. BALDWIN.

Arthur J. Baldwin is one of the most widely known florists and nurserymen in the state of Ohio. He descends from an old pioneer family whose record runs backward through Revolutionary times. He entered the florist's business when a youth and has since developed a trade which has not only been extraordinarily profitable but has also established his reputation as a florist throughout a large portion of the country. His business has grown from a very small beginning until now he possesses one of the largest nurseries in the state, and a number of the most capacious greenhouses. He has been instrumental in developing a large section of the country in which he located, and which at that time was in a wild and marshy condition. Mr. Baldwin is still active in the pursuit of his business and, having kept abreast of the times in horticulture, conducts his interests according to the most modern methods.

Mr. Baldwin was born on South Third street, Newark, Ohio. His great-grandfather on his mother's side was Robert Handy, who served with distinction in the Colonial army during the Revolutionary war. His father, William M. Baldwin, was a native of Newark, New Jersey, and migrated to Newark, Ohio, with his father, Enoch Baldwin, in 1834. Here for a number of years he ran the old boat yards, in Lockport. He was one of the pioneer shoemakers of the country and bought his leather from a tannery which was then located at Fifth

and Church streets. After a long and prosperous career he passed away at an advanced age in a place known now as Massillon, Ohio. By Father Wiley, on October 7, 1838, William M. Baldwin was united in marriage, in Newark, Ohio, to Caroline M. Coleman, a native of Stark county, Ohio, who came to Newark when four years of age with her parents, who made the journey from Stark county by wagon. At that time there were few signs of civilization along the route and surrounding her destination, for this district was practically in a primitive state.

Arthur J. Baldwin was the ninth of a family of twelve children, four of whom are now living in Newark. In the old school house on Morris street, East Newark, he was enrolled as a pupil and having completed the course of study was sent to the Central high school. Upon graduating from that institution he at once engaged in gardening. Having a natural aptitude therefor he took great interest in his work and decided that he would follow it as his life's vocation. During his later years his father had also engaged somewhat in gardening and devoted some time to the cultivation of plants for commercial purposes. His son inherited the same liking and little by little, from a very small beginning, has developed the large business which he is now conducting. He is acknowledged as one of the most successful florists in the state of Ohio. He engages in the cultivation of a wide range of both domestic and foreign flora. In 1894 he decided to enlarge his business by undertaking greenhouse work. He built a large greenhouse on East Main and Madison avenue, and in 1896 constructed a number of greenhouses on Cedar street opposite the cemetery. When Mr. Baldwin decided to cultivate this property the ground was in a swampy and undeveloped condition. It had every appearance of being undesirable land and few would have thought of purchasing it, but through his keen discernment Mr. Baldwin foresaw its future value and took possession of it. Since he made the purchase he has so improved the land that it is admitted to be one of the most beautiful plots in that portion of the state.

In 1902 he wedded Mary Van Atta, a native of Newark, Ohio, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Van Atta. Mr. Baldwin finds little leisure in the midst of his business affairs to take active part in secret societies. However, he is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen and the Tribe of Ben Hur. In religious faith he is a follower of Emanuel Swedenborg, and a member of the New Jerusalem church.

DWIGHT SMYTHE.

Dwight Smythe, who is among the enterprising and progressive farmers of Burlington township, and whose family for upwards of a century has engaged in tilling the soil in this county, was born on the farm, of which he is now proprietor, July 8, 1833. His parents, James N. and Maria (Comstock) Smythe, were New Englanders, born and reared in the state of Connecticut, and settled in this county in the year 1828. Immediately upon their arrival they took up land for farming purposes, but at that time it was far from being in a fit condition for cultivation, but being among the sturdy characters of the olden days they recognized neither discouragements nor difficulties. Mr. Smythe at once set about energetically to

so improve the land as to make it respond to the plow and bring forth the harvest. Little by little he cleared off the land and finally succeeded in transforming the entire tract which he owned into fertile and fructitious fields, amid which he and his wife passed their lives until they were summoned into eternity. Mr. Smythe passed away in the year 1852 and his wife survived him thirty-nine years. They had four children, Dwight Smythe being the only one surviving.

Amid the usual scenes and experiences of farm life Dwight Smythe was born and reared, and received his education at the neighboring school, in the meantime assisting his father in the general routine of the farm. When he was but eighteen years of age his father departed this life and the entire management of the farm fell upon his shoulders. He plied his occupation arduously under the experienced supervision of his mother until her death, at which time he purchased the old homestead, which consists of one hundred and forty acres, and has been so successful in its cultivation as to accumulate means sufficient to also own and operate one hundred acres of excellent farm land in Knox county. Aside from general farming he makes a specialty of raising and breeding sheep. In this line of work he is one of the most proficient men in the countryside, and enjoys a wide reputation as a judge of that class of stock.

In the year 1860 Mr. Smythe wedded Miss Mary Condon, whose birth occurred in Maryland, January 18, 1832. She was a school teacher in her early years and was a daughter of Robert and Cordelia Condon. Mr. and Mrs. Smythe are parents of the following children: Emma, widow of George Wright, of Granville, Ohio; James N. and Oren D., who assist in the management of the farm; and Jessie F., a graduate of the high school, residing at home. In politics Mr. Smythe is a republican, but during his life has never been so enthusiastically interested in political affairs as to desire to hold public office. However, he rejoices in the success of his party and uses his vote and influence toward the election of its candidates. Mr. and Mrs. Smythe are consistent Christians and faithful in their adherence to the teachings of the Presbyterian church.

A. R. PITSER.

A. R. Pitser, who since 1907 has been a member of the board of public service at Newark, was born in Licking township, this county, on the 9th of March, 1846. His father, James Pitser, was also a native of the same locality, born in 1809. For more than a century the family has been represented in this part of the state, for Richard Pitser came from Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1800 and settled in Licking county when Ohio was still under territorial rule. The red men far outnumbered the white population and the state was a vast unbroken wilderness so slightly improved that even along its eastern border it was known as the "western reserve." Richard Pitser had lived in Ohio for three years when he was joined by his brother Anthony Pitser, who was the grandfather of A. R. Pitser and who arrived in 1803. Much of the land was still in possession of the government, few having begun the work of farming in this locality. He settled in Licking township, secured land and began the development of a farm which is now in pos-

session of the subject of this review. James Pitser was reared amid the wild scenes and conditions of pioneer life and early aided in the arduous task of transforming the wild land into cultivated fields. For many years he followed farming in Licking township and watched with interest the progress of events which marked the development of the county as it threw off the evidences of pioneer life and took on all the conditions of modern civilization. He married Nancy Park, a native of Union township, this county, born in 1812. Her father, John Park, came from Virginia at a very early day and followed farming in Union township, where he reared a large family of children, all of whom have now passed away with the exception of Mrs. Jane Belt, of Granville, who is now over ninety years of age. The death of Mrs. Nancy Park occurred in 1848 and the father, long surviving her, passed away in 1875. Thus one by one the pioneers have been called to the long home, leaving only the memory of their good deeds and their substantial work in the foundation upon which has been built the modern progress and prosperity of the county.

A. R. Pitser began his education as a pupil in the district schools and afterward attended the Newark high school. When but twenty-one years of age he was appointed county surveyor to fill a vacancy and was afterward elected to that office for several terms. He served for twenty-six years in the county auditor's office, twenty years as deputy and six years as auditor, after which he retired in 1905 with a most creditable official record. In 1907 he was elected a member of the board of public service and is now occupying that position. No other resident of the county has been so long continued in public office and over the record of his career there falls no shadow of wrong nor suspicion of evil.

In 1878 Mr. Pitser was married to Miss Clara Ball, a native of Newark and a daughter of Albert Ball, one of the early residents of the county, the family coming from New Jersey to Ohio in pioneer times. Mr. and Mrs. Pitser have two daughters: Ethel, the wife of Fred Mosteller, a railroad contractor; and Shirley, the wife of Frank C. Webb, of Newark. Mr. Pitser belongs to the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows while in Masonry he has attained high rank, having taken the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and the Knight Templar degree of the York Rite, being now eminent commander of St. Luke's commandery. His political allegiance has always been given to the democracy and the official record of no citizen of the county has extended over a longer period while none have been more faultless in honor, fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation, than has A. R. Pitser.

JACOB ANDERSON.

Jacob Anderson, a veteran of the Civil war, who for a number of years has been interested in farming pursuits in Lima township, is a native of the Keystone state, his birth having occurred in Washington county, August 18, 1842. His parents, James and Sarah (Allison) Anderson, are also natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and in 1854 located in Lima township, Licking county, Ohio, where his mother departed this life three years later, his father surviving her by five years. They resided on a farm, in the duties of which they spent their

lives. In their family were fourteen children, namely: Benjamin, deceased, who enlisted in this county for military service during the Civil war; Joseph, deceased, who enlisted in Adams county, Indiana; Mrs. Margaret Crooks, deceased; Samuel, who resided in Franklin county, Ohio, and died in March, 1909; John, Mrs. Jane Palmer and Mrs. Sarah Hoffman, who have passed away; Mrs. Anne Lloyd, who resides in Columbus, this state; James and Isaac, deceased; Jacob; Andrew, deceased, who served in the First Ohio Volunteer Cavalry from this county; Mary Combs, of Columbus, Ohio; and one who died in infancy.

In the Keystone state Jacob Anderson spent his boyhood days and was reared on the home farm where he learned to till the soil, in the meantime acquiring his education in the district schools. In 1854 he came to this county with his parents, settling in Harrison township, where he remained but a short time and then removed to Fairfield county where he spent two years, at the expiration of which period he came to Lima township, where he has since resided. He was pursuing his occupation as a farmer when the war broke out and at the first call for soldiers he enlisted in July, 1861, in Company C, Twenty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served under General Sherman from the battle of Chattanooga until the close of the war, remaining throughout the conflict in the same company and regiment. His entire military career from 1861 until the termination of the war was as a private and during that time he served on many occasions as a courier and was out of the ranks only once and that for a short period to attend the funeral of his father. Following the war he returned to his farm, which he has since actively cultivated. He has one hundred and fifty-five acres in two adjoining farms, both of which are supplied with dwellings and other buildings and are located one and one-half miles nor of Pataskala on the Jersey road. General agriculture and stock raising has commanded his attention and although he does not engage in the latter on a large scale he raises annually a number of head of the best breeds of cattle and sheep, in which he does a remunerative shipping business to various parts of the state.

In 1865 Mr. Anderson wedded Miss Martha Moreland, a native of Lima township, where her birth occurred September 14, 1846, and where she has always resided. She is a daughter of Nimrod and Sarah (Moon) Moreland, her father having been a native of Virginia and her mother of Fairfield county. When ten years of age Mr. Moreland came to this county with his parents and here resided until his death, in 1888, having attained the ripe old age of eighty years, having survived his wife, who departed this life in 1881, by seven years, she having been sixty-nine years old at the time of her death. In their family were nine children, three of whom passed away in infancy, the others being: Mrs. Mary Headley, of Indiana; Sarah Ann and Hanna Bessie, deceased; Martha; Mrs. Rosetta Peters; and William, deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have been born three children: Ida, who passed away in her nineteenth year; Dora, the wife of Charles Alword, residing in Columbus, Ohio, with their three children, Albert, Russell and Helen; and Mabel, who became the wife of Burr Harris, an agriculturist of Jersey township. Their children are Lora, Nelson and Mary.

The democratic party has always received the support of Mr. Anderson because its free trade and other policies have always appealed to him as best adapted to preserve the original character of the country's free institutions and at the same time to inspire competition by which trade, commerce and industry is made healthy

and prosperity distributed, and consequently he is enthusiastic during campaigns in striving for the election of its candidates. In local affairs he has taken quite an interest: served as postmaster of Pataskala under the first administration of Grover Cleveland; was for six years a director of the county infirmary; served as township assessor; and also in a number of other local political offices. In the midst of his business affairs he has never neglected his religious duties, and is regular in his attendance at the Methodist Episcopal church where the members of his family also attend and in the various departments of the work he takes a lively interest. Mr. Anderson is favorably known throughout the township as an honorable, upright and industrious man whose manly spirit and activity make him one of its most valued citizens.

C. H. SPENCER.

Secretary and manager of the Advocate Printing Company, secretary of the Newark Independent Telephone Company, secretary of the Newark Real Estate and Improvement Company, president of the Arcade Realty Company and director of the Franklin National Bank, C. H. Spencer occupies a prominent position in the business life of his adopted city, his activity constituting an element in its business progress and consequent prosperity. A native of Brownsville, Ohio, he was born July 26, 1810, but in his first year was brought to Newark where he has since made his home. His parents were Dr. Benjamin F. and Susan Spencer, the father for more than sixty years an able and honored physician and surgeon of this city where he died in 1907 at the venerable age of eighty-seven years.

Mastering the elementary branches of learning in the public schools of Newark, C. H. Spencer later attended Denison University at Granville, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1892 with the Bachelor of Science degree. He afterward pursued a short course at Harvard University before accepting the position of teacher of chemistry, physiology and physics. He taught natural sciences in the preparatory department of Denison University in the scholastic year of 1892-1893 under President D. B. Purinton, but before the close of the year decided to enter the journalistic field. He did not at any time expect to make teaching a life profession but accepted the position in educational circles as a supplement to his college course. He entered the newspaper field in 1893 as a reporter of the Newark Daily Advocate and later was correspondent for a number of out of town newspapers. His promotion to the position of associate editor of the Advocate followed in 1896. He acted in that capacity under the management of the late Andrew H. Pierson and so continued until 1907 when, at Mr. Pierson's death he was made secretary and manager of the Advocate Printing Company. In this connection he has held to high standards of journalism, avoiding the sensational that is too current in newspapers today, his policy being to make the Advocate an attractive journal for the dissemination of local and general views of interest to the majority of people. His business policy has led to the financial success of the enterprise, the circulation and advertising support of the paper being continually increased. Opportunities for judicious investments in other business lines have led to Mr. Spencer's connection with various important concerns of the city. He has contrib-

uted to its substantial upbuilding and improvement as president of the Arcade Realty Company which in April, 1909, completed a handsome 400-foot arcade, and as secretary of the Newark Real Estate & Improvement Company. He is also secretary of the Newark Independent Telephone Company and is not unknown in financial circles as a director of the Franklin National Bank.

In community affairs Mr. Spencer has also figured somewhat prominently as a director of public thought and action and as a factor in promoting work for the city's growth and progress. He has always been a democrat though never a candidate for public office. He however served for five years in the appointive position of member of the board of elections in the later '90s. For a number of years he was a director of the board of trade and coöperated in various movements of that organization to extend commercial and industrial interests of the city and thus promote its welfare.

On the 6th of December, 1894, Mr. Spencer was united in marriage to Miss Katharine H. Winegarner, a daughter of the late David C. Winegarner, former mayor of Newark and president of the old Franklin Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer have five children, Elizabeth, Frank, John, Marian and Emily. In social and fraternal relations Mr. Spencer is well known. He has been a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity since 1888 and since 1891 has held membership in Center Star Lodge No. 11, F. & A. M. of Granville, Ohio, belongs also to the Warren Chapter R. A. M., Bigelow Council R. & S. M., and St. Lukes Commandery K. T. of Newark, with which he has been associated for about ten years. Since November, 1907, he has been a member of Aladdin Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Columbus and he is a trustee of the First Presbyterian church of Newark. He is a dependable man, one in whom the public justly reposes confidence, for his worth has been proven in various relations to the public both as a business man and a citizen.

BYRON S. BUCKLAND.

Byron S. Buckland, who now lives in retirement at Hebron after a long life spent in general agricultural pursuits in Union township, was born here about two miles west of Licking church on November 14, 1835. His grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Buckland, the latter a native of England. Having come to this township at an early date Thomas Buckland located a tract of land then covered with forest, upon which he erected a log cabin and subsequently cleared the land and put it under cultivation. Among his children was Nelson Buckland, who was twelve years of age when his parents came to Ohio. For a number of years he engaged in the operation of a sawmill, subsequently devoting his attention to farming, and was one of the few in this part of the country who owned and operated a carding machine. His first wife was Honor Wells, a native of this county, by whom he had three children, namely: Miche, deceased, who was the wife of William Banatta; Byron S.; and William Richard. Their mother having departed this life, in 1839 Nelson Buckland wedded Miss Eliza Winters, who passed away in 1900, and by whom he had five children, namely: Sarah, who became the wife of William Palmer, residing near Wagram, this county; Clara, who resides with her husband,

Richard Van Dorn, in Newark, Ohio; John, who wedded Anna McMillan, residing in Granville; Sanford, who lives with his wife, formerly May Henderson, on the home farm; and Laura, the wife of Charles Burner, of Baltimore, Maryland. The father died in the year 1888.

Byron S. Buckland was reared on his father's farm, which contained one thousand acres, and here during his boyhood days he obtained his knowledge of the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting. During the winter season he acquired his education in the neighboring schools, and after completing his studies he remained upon the home farm until 1865, when he purchased an adjoining tract of land, containing one hundred and forty acres, where he pursued general farming, subsequently adding to his land seventy-one acres which he received upon the division of his father's estate. He made a specialty of raising sheep and dealing in wool, at which he was quite successful until he gave up active life in 1905, retiring to Hebron, where he purchased a fine home in which he now resides.

In November, 1889, Mr. Buckland wedded Mary Wells, a daughter of William and Esther (Moore) Wells, both natives of this county, and to this union has been born one child, Leila, who is a pupil at school. For the past thirty-five years Mr. Buckland has been affiliated with the republican party, of the principles of which he has always been a strong advocate, and since casting his first vote he has never found cause to induce him to waive his opinion as to the wisdom of the policies of his party. His enterprise has not only surrounded him with prosperity but has been deeply felt in the life of the community of which he is a worthy and substantial citizen.

J. B. SINSABAUGH.

J. B. Sinsabaugh, who for several years has been identified with the business interests of St. Louisville as a dealer in grain and coal, is a native son of Ohio, born in Franklin county, March 21, 1841. His parents, George and Elizabeth (McCreary) Sinsabaugh, who were both natives of Greene county, Pennsylvania, located in Franklin county at an early date. They reared a family of four children, namely: Margaret J., the wife of E. Seitz, of St. Louisville; J. B. of this review; D. A., a resident of Utica; and J. L., also of Utica. Both parents are now deceased.

J. B. Sinsabaugh acquired his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority, when, the Civil war having been inaugurated, he enlisted as a member of Company G, Ninety-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for three years' service. He took part in the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Missionary Ridge, and many others of lesser importance, while he also went on the march to Atlanta. He was wounded in the right hand and arm in the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, after which he was discharged November 29, 1864.

Returning to Ohio Mr. Sinsabaugh worked as engineer in a mill in Knox county one year and subsequently took up his abode in Licking county, where he has since made his home, the year 1866 witnessing his arrival here. For two

years he engaged in the patent-right business and in 1868 was married to Miss Lucinda McDaniel, who was born in Licking county, a daughter of John and Nancy McDaniel, whose family numbered five children. Both parents are now deceased.

Following his marriage Mr. Sinsabaugh worked on the railroad section for six years and for four years did any labor that would yield him an honest living. He then spent two years as clerk in a store, from 1884 until 1886, and in the latter year was appointed a guard at the penitentiary. After two years' service he was promoted to the position of captain, in which capacity he served two years. At the end of that time he purchased the elevator at St. Louisville and has since been engaged in the grain and coal business. Since 1890 he has also had charge of the Baltimore & Ohio depot at this place. He is now doing a good business, furnishing a market for the grain raised in the country surrounding this village, and has become a successful man. Besides the elevator he also owns a comfortable residence.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Sinsabaugh was blessed with two children but the elder, G. B., is now deceased, while the younger, F. B., lives in St. Louisville. The wife and mother is also deceased, her death occurring August 24, 1896. Mr. Sinsabaugh, while giving loyal support to the republican party, has never been active as an office seeker, preferring to give his undivided time and attention to his business affairs. His success is not the result of any fortunate circumstances but is the outcome of his own energy and determination to do things. He is quiet in his manner of living and is highly esteemed in both business and social circles.

SAMUEL E. HAGY.

Samuel E. Hagy, who for many years has been following tile manufacturing and agriculture in Etna township, and whose ancestors as far back as his grandfather have been affiliated with farming interests here, was born in this place, March 31, 1834, and was a son of Samuel and Mary (Miller) Hagy, who were natives of Nederbipp, in the canton of Berne, Switzerland. Soon after their marriage they came to the new world in company with his parents, Samuel and Marian (Magley) Hagy, and settled in Etna township. They located on eighty acres of land, most of which was forest and thickly covered with undergrowth. That section of the township was then commonly known as Germany, because of the number of German and Swiss settlers. In a short time after locating here the ax was heard amid the forest and underbrush and soon, after hard and persevering work, the land was cleared off and put in condition for cultivation. Here the family remained reaping the harvests of the fields which their energy had made productive, until they departed this life. Samuel and Mary Hagy reared the following children: William, deceased, who served three years during the Civil war in the same regiment with his brother, Samuel E.; Jacob, who served two years in the same regiment; Mary Selbert, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Alfred Holt, who served three years in the Union army; Sarah, wife of Frederick Rickley, a veteran of the Civil war; Henry, deceased; Amanda, wife of S. Y. Hill of Galena, Oklahoma; Mrs. Susan Seigler; and Samuel E.



MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL E. HAGY.

Samuel E. Hagy had few educational advantages and remained with his parents on the home farm, laboring arduously, until he was twenty-one years of age, when he went to Illinois, and secured employment at the monthly wage of twenty-five dollars. Remaining there for four years he went to Ottawa, that state, in the year 1859, and after working on a farm for a while he engaged in cultivating land on shares, which course he pursued for three years. He then returned to Etna, where he purchased a number of horses which he took to Kentucky to sell. The venture proved unprofitable as the rebels, questioning his politics and sentiments, confiscated his property and left him penniless. He then returned to Etna, and in January, 1864, enlisted in company D, Eighty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Parker, doing service in Ohio. After a military career of six months he received an honorable discharge, returned to this place and in the year 1866 began the manufacture of bricks, continuing the enterprise for a period of thirty-five years. In connection with this business he manufactured a high grade of tile—an industry in which he became noted throughout the state. He also paid considerable attention to agriculture and farmed a tract of land consisting of two hundred and three acres, on which he raised various kinds of grain and also made a specialty of producing fruits. He is one of the most highly respected men of the township, and through hard work and patient effort has accumulated considerable wealth. Besides the farm he owns three elegant dwellings and also considerable town property.

The story of his energetic and useful career is faithfully told in his autobiography as follows:

“My parents were poor and I remained with them and worked for them until I was twenty-one years of age. In the spring of 1855 my entire wealth was eleven dollars. With this I went to Illinois, where I engaged to work for a Mr. Dunavan for eight months for twenty-five dollars per month, saving my wages, with which I purchased a span of horses. With my team I engaged in farming on the shares, on the farm of Samuel Millikin, four miles east of Ottawa, Illinois. At the end of three years I converted all that I had in property into money—fourteen hundred and eighty dollars in gold—and returned to Etna, Ohio, where I purchased sixteen horses, which was at the beginning of the late Civil war. I took the horses to Kentucky—then and there I lost all I had. They said that they believed I was a democrat, but belonged to the tail of the abolition kite. But by setting up the applejack and cigars twice they let me skip out with my head on, which they threatened to take. Soon after I was married to Miss Amanda M. Leonard. We were poor but we went to work in earnest. My coat was off summer and winter and my hands held a plow, shovel, hoe, ax or some kind of a tool, most of the time. I did no loafing. * * * I have been a manufacturer of hand-made brick for twenty-five years. When I began making drain tile, fourteen years ago, my neighbors thought I was making a mistake, that it would bankrupt me, that two kilns of tile would supply the demand in this part of the country for the next twenty-five years. Ha! Ha! The first, second and third years I put in six thousand rods of tile on my own farm. Then I had a yield of forty bushels of wheat, seventy-five and eighty bushels of corn, and two and two and a half tons of hay per acre, on land where nothing had grown before. It changed the opinions of many as to the benefits of tile drainage. In my case the benefits of drainage are

too numerous to mention. It put me out of debt; it added more land to my homestead, and other good property. My cattle are not the long-legged, razor-backed, slab-sided, long-horned kind. They are uniform in color, hornless, polled Aberdeen Angus, having black, glossy skins, grand shoulders, deep loins and massive quarters. The other stock can run with them. The school children like and handle the "doddies" without fear.

"In the winter, for the past thirty-five years, I have repaired watches, clocks and jewelry and bought and sold land. I have served as justice of the peace for twenty-four years, and township treasurer about thirty years. There has not been a criminal suit in Etna township for ten years and no civil suit for three years, and no suit pending in the court of common pleas from this township, which speaks well for the good citizens of this portion of Ohio. And there is no whisky sold in this township. In the history of the township only two persons have been sent to the state prison: one was sent up for counterfeiting and one for robbery.

"We are members of the Reformed church. I have been an Odd Fellow for twenty-seven years, and four of my sons are also Odd Fellows; I am a member of Baird's Post, No. 653, G. A. R. And last, though not least, I am a member in good and regular standing of the Ohio Tile Manufacturers' Association. Printers' ink has helped me up the hill. For several years I took from fifty to one hundred copies of the Drainage Journal, and handed them out to men of good judgment. I have distributed thousands of copies of "Joe Byers' Story About Dreanen Land and Other Things." They not only help to sell drain tile but, in addition, they have had an uplifting influence—they make me and other people better. It is not only the selling of tile that I prize this story for, but it is the 'other things' that please me. I cultivated a friendly feeling for the poor, because I once begged bread to appease hunger. If Moses could afford to leave a royal court and cast his lot with a multitude of uncultured slaves forty years in the wilderness, I could afford to give a poor tramp something to eat."

On December 5, 1861, Mr. Hagy was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Leonard, a native of Etna, born July 12, 1842, and a daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Faber) Leonard, who in the '30s came from Virginia to this locality, where they spent their lives and reared their family of twelve children, of whom Mrs. Hagy is the only survivor. Mr. and Mrs. Hagy have four children, namely: Charles M., a stonemason and bricklayer of Decatur, Illinois, where he and his wife own a large farm; Samuel L., a jeweler of Vernon, Texas; William T., who is an agriculturist and manages the home farm; and Allen M., a musician.

In politics Mr. Hagy is a democrat in principle, but does not bind himself exclusively to any particular party, as he reserves the right to use his own personal judgment as to the qualifications of candidates for office, irrespective of party ties. His worth as a man of superior ability and administrative faculties is apparent upon mention of the fact that for twenty-four consecutive years he has served as justice of the peace. Nor has this been the only honor conferred upon him by his fellow citizens, as he has been treasurer of the township since 1882, in which capacity he officiates with great credit. He has belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows since 1866, and is also a comrade of Baird Post, G. A. R., of Pataskala. Being a man of high moral and spiritual character he has always put his religious duties foremost and is a member of the English Reformed church. In every sense

of the term Mr. Hagy is a self-educated and self-made man, and it has been through his natural ability, coupled with the industry and economy common to his kinsmen, that he has been successful in life and attained his present prosperity.

BENJAMIN F. NICHOLS.

Benjamin F. Nichols, who during his entire life followed agricultural pursuits in Harrison township, was born on the farm situated at the corner of Columbus road and York street, May 25, 1832, and there resided until his death August 11, 1895. Isaiah and Sarah Nichols, his parents, were natives of New Jersey, where they were married. Several children were born to them before they came to Licking county and settled on the tract of land now under cultivation by the widow of Benjamin F. Nichols. When they came to this region it was in a comparatively primitive condition, being overgrown with timber and having but few residences. By hard and persevering labor Mr. Nichols cleared off his land, making it arable, and constructed a comfortable dwelling which is now occupied by his son's widow. The building is an old landmark of the vicinity and for many years was known as the Nichols Tavern, having been used in the early days as an inn, while the road on which it was located was known to travelers as the old mud pike. In those times there was considerable travel along this thoroughfare and the Nichols Tavern was a customary stopping place, where people lodged and changed their teams. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols were the parents of: Obediah, Mary, Cynthia, Ann, Tirzah, George, Isaiah (who died in California) and Benjamin F. Nichols. They also reared a grandson, Zephaniah Alward.

During his boyhood days Benjamin F. Nichols worked on his father's farm and in the meantime attended the district schools. After acquiring his education he remained on the old homestead, where he was actively engaged in general farming. He spent his entire life in this township and most of it on the farm until his demise. At his father's death he inherited two hundred acres of excellent land which, from year to year, he planted in general crops and reaped bountiful harvests. The farm was originally purchased from the government by his father who, associated with his son, for many years engaged in general agriculture, making a specialty of stock-raising and particularly of breeding sheep, but after his father departed this life, Mr. Nichols somewhat curtailed his farm interests and while he cultivated the entire acreage he had considerably limited his attention to stock breeding.

In 1856 Mr. Nichols wedded Violet McVay, who was born in Alexandria, Washington county, Pennsylvania, May 23, 1839, and was brought here by her parents, Nathan and Mary (Stoolfire) McVay, when ten years of age. Her father and mother were also natives of the Keystone state but departed this life in Harrison township. He was a blacksmith and worked at the trade for several years, after which he bought and cultivated a sixty-five acre farm on York street but subsequently returned to his original occupation and conducted a blacksmith shop until his death. Mr. and Mrs. McVay reared the following children: Katharine, a graduate of Pleasant Hill Seminary, West Virginia, who taught in that institution, and wedded John Bigger, a professor of music, the couple removing to Iowa, where

they taught in the school for the blind and departed this life, leaving two sons: Elizabeth, deceased, wife of George Alward, who lost his life during the Civil war; Joseph B., of Columbus; and Violet. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols are the parents of the following children: Alline, wife of Benjamin M. Jones, of Harrison township, the couple having eight children; Carl, who owns part of the old home place, where he resides with his wife and three children; Rel H., who has one son and who for four years was superintendent of the Hanover schools, and is now a senior in the Ohio State University; and Clair, who resides at home. Mr. Nichols was a man who made good use of his time and talents during his years of youthful energy and in his declining days could afford to lay by his farming implements and enjoy the fruits of his toil. He also had the respect of the entire community before which he has always walked in honesty and uprightness.

HOMER JURY DAVIS, B. S., M. D.

Dr. Homer Jury Davis, a practitioner of the regular school with thorough mastery of the science of medicine in its relation to the needs of suffering humanity, is accorded a liberal patronage by those who recognize that his ability enables him to successfully cope with the intricate problems that continually confront the physician. He has a large practice in Newark and the surrounding country. A native of Licking county he was born in Licking township, the family being founded in this locality by the great-grandparents of Dr. Davis, who arrived from Virginia in pioneer times. They were accompanied by their son James Davis, the grandfather, who was then a boy and was reared amid the wild scenes and environments of the frontier. He eventually became one of the enterprising agriculturists of Licking township and on the old homestead there his son Joseph Davis was born and reared. Throughout his entire life he has been connected with agricultural pursuits and is still farming in Licking township. On the 9th of September, 1858, he married Miss Helen Sutton, a native of this county, and fifty years later they celebrated their golden wedding, having for a half century traveled life's journey together, their mutual love and confidence increasing as the years have gone by. Dr. Davis was educated in the district schools and in Doane Academy and Denison University at Granville, Ohio. He is a graduate of the last two, completing his University course in 1897 when the degree of Bachelor of Science was conferred upon him. He had made good use of his opportunities for mental development and through the four years succeeding his graduation he filled the position of professor of chemistry and physics in Williamsburg College of Kentucky but believing that the practice of medicine would prove more congenial and profitable he prepared for that work as a student in the Rush Medical College of Chicago, the medical department of the University of Chicago, being graduated therefrom in 1904. His high scholarship is indicated by the fact that he secured as a result of a competitive examination the internship in Cook County Hospital, his service there continuing for eighteen months. In 1907 he came to Newark where he has since engaged in practicing medicine, doing good work in both medical and surgical lines. In addition to his private practice he is now a member of the staff of the City Hospital and is surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railroad at Newark.

Dr. Davis is popular in various social and fraternal organizations with which he is connected. He belongs to the Alpha Omega Alpha, and the Phi Rho Sigma, both medical fraternities, and to the Beta Theta Pi, a literary society. He has taken the degrees in Masonry up to and including that of Knight Templar, belongs to Newark Lodge, No. 391, B. P. O. E., is an honored member of the alumni association of Rush Medical College and has membership relations with the Licking County and Ohio State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association. He is actuated by high ideals in his professional service and for this reason is continually studying in order to promote his efficiency and attain still greater capability in his work of checking disease. His substantial qualities of manhood and citizenship combined with his professional skill have rendered him popular and have gained for him a circle of friends that is continually increasing as the circle of his acquaintance broadens.

THE PEOPLES BANK COMPANY.

The Peoples Bank Company of Pataskala was organized under the Ohio state laws and incorporated for twenty-five thousand dollars, opening its doors for business on the 4th of March, 1904. The present officers are Joseph Atkinson, president; James L. Moore, vice president; H. H. Baird, cashier; and Thomas S. Besse, assistant cashier, while the board of directors in addition to the officers includes Thomas Evans, G. S. Smith, S. B. Elliott, and H. C. Miller. From the beginning the patronage of the bank has been very flattering. Indeed it is one of the most prosperous financial institutions of the county, enjoying rapid and substantial growth. At its head are well known, substantial business men. Mr. Atkinson was for fourteen years president of the Pataskala Banking Company and in connection with Mr. Baird organized the present concern. He is one of the oldest residents of the county and most highly respected for his integrity and ability as a business man and private citizen. Under his guidance the bank has made steady progress and has been paying large sums in interest to its patrons since its organization. It draws its patronage from the best business men of Pataskala and the leading land holders of the surrounding country, and a general banking business is carried on, the institution being well equipped to give every advantage and accommodation that a city bank can give.

THOMAS M. JONES.

Though a quarter of a century has passed since Thomas M. Jones was called to his final rest, there are many who yet remember him as a valued and representative farmer and citizen of St. Albans township and as he contributed to the development and agricultural progress of this community it is meet that mention be made of him in this volume. He was born in Flintshire in the north of Wales, October 29, 1822, and lost his mother when but seven years of age, while at the age of twelve years he was left an orphan by his father's death. He then made his

home with the Edwards family of that locality until he came to America in 1842 in the twentieth year of his age. He was attracted by the broader business opportunities of the new world and in company with his uncle, Emanuel Jones, he made the voyage across the broad Atlantic and at once came to Licking county, Ohio, retaining his residence in Granville township until some time after his marriage. He located on a farm in Harrison township in 1849 and continued its cultivation for more than a decade, after which he removed to what is now the old homestead farm, in 1860. It continued to be his place of abode throughout his remaining days and is yet the home of his widow.

It was in 1847 in Granville that Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Morgan, who was born in Carmarthenshire, South Wales, August 6, 1821, and in February, 1840, became a resident of Gallia county, Ohio. In the spring of 1842 she arrived in Granville and made her home with the Rev. Jacob Little. She was a daughter of Benjamin and Margaret (Jones) Morgan, who spent their entire lives in the little rock ribbed country of Wales. One of her sisters, Mrs. Hannah Thomas, came to the United States after the arrival of Mrs. Jones, and died in Granville. Another sister, Susanna, was the wife of the Rev. John Griffis, a Methodist minister, and they resided for some years in Pennsylvania, where her death occurred. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jones were born four children. Mary Jane, living with her mother, is the widow of Robert Williams and has two children, Elmer and Sadie, the latter the wife of Ernest Legg, of Granville, Ohio, by whom she had one child, Florence. Benjamin, living in Harrison township, has seven children, Earl, Clarence, Roy, Harold, Hugh, Curtis and Dorothy. David D., of Newark, has two children: Thomas, who is married and has one son, John David; and Paul R. The last child, Susanna, born October 10, 1868, died June 30, 1893.

The death of Mr. Jones occurred September 15, 1884, and thus was brought to a close a useful, active and honorable life. He had started out in business empty-handed and in fact had to earn the money with which to pay his passage across the Atlantic. After he arrived on American shores he worked diligently and persistently, however, and as the years passed he won success, so that at his death he left over two hundred acres of rich and valuable land which is still in possession of his family. He was a member of the first Calvinistic Methodist church in this county known as Sharon Valley, and was very active and helpful in church work. In politics he was a staunch republican and held some minor offices. He was ever faithful to the trust reposed in him whether in business or social life and was known as a man of unassailable integrity who in all of his trade relations was straightforward and honorable.

JOHN JACOB DEEDS.

One of the most successful and experienced sheep and horse breeders of the state of Ohio is John Jacob Deeds, who operates what is known as the Grasslick Stock farm, in Harrison township, Licking county. He is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred at Buffalo Creek, Washington county, February 14, 1838. He is the third child of the family of four sons and four daughters born to Andrew and Lydia Ann (May) Deeds. His parents removed to Greene county, Pennsylvania, in 1840, locating in Rich Hill township, and there he was reared

on a farm, remaining in that township until 1851 when, upon the death of his mother, his father and family came to this county, settling in Union township. The journey to this place was made in wagons and on foot, John Jacob Deeds being among those who walked, driving a flock of four hundred sheep, the trip requiring ten days. Since that time he has made a specialty of sheep breeding and wool growing.

Mr. Deeds had the usual meager educational advantages of the country lad, acquiring his knowledge of the "three R's" in the district schools during the short winter terms, the remainder of the year working on his father's farm. His father raised cattle, also engaged to some extent in butchering and had the hides tanned for leather. Out of the leather of his own curing all the shoes for the family were made, the work being done by a neighboring shoemaker, David Anthony. John J. Deeds still recalls with pleasure the incident that he was the first lad who wore a pair of cowhide boots to the district school he attended, which circumstance, needless to remark, greatly excited the envy of the other boys, all of whom doubtless wished for a pair just like them.

It was while a mere lad that Mr. Deeds became interested in breeding sheep. Indeed he seemed to have a natural predilection for stock dealing and particularly the wool producing animal. In fact he was born to the business and relates many entertaining experiences which fell to him as a boy while on long jaunts behind a drove of his favorite animal. Herding and shearing were his first introduction to the business, and it was at the latter, for which he received three and one-half cents a head, that he earned his first money—the sum of seventeen dollars—the capital which gave him his start in life. This he invested in high priced sheep when he was but fourteen years of age, paying six dollars a head. It was his initial step in the sheep-raising and wool growing-enterprise and thereafter he was so successful and fortunate in his undertakings that in the year 1855 he drove nine hundred head of his own and his father's sheep to Illinois, where he disposed of the flock at top prices. At once investing the proceeds of the sale in other sheep, eight years after his first transaction he had cleared fourteen hundred dollars. During his career he has made four trips on foot to Illinois with sheep and on one occasion drove back one hundred and seventy-five head of cattle.

Mr. Deeds remained in Union township until he was united in marriage, at which period of his life he rented a farm in Jersey township, from which he removed after a two years' residence, owing to the death of his wife. In 1867 he purchased his present farm, known as Grasslick Stock farm, and it is equipped with excellent buildings. It is located three miles northeast of Pataskala, on the York street road a half mile north of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, which affords him ready shipping facilities. He originally purchased one hundred and thirty-one acres, later adding fifty-six acres, so that his farm now contains one hundred and eighty-seven acres of highly improved land. It is thoroughly equipped with a tile drainage system and, there being many springs on the property, in eight different places he can water fifty head of cattle. His specialty, as above mentioned, is sheep-raising and wool-growing and he breeds principally the Merino sheep, of which he owns about two hundred head, all of which are registered. Among his breeding stock are the following: King of Yorkstreet, No. 102, sired by No. 55, bred by James McKibben; g. sire Kirkpatrick's Major; dam No. 6; bred and owned by Mr. Deeds; and Deception, No. 29, sired by Wooly Head, he by Green Mountain, by

Silverhorn, dam No. 28. He also breeds sheep of the finest type and all his sheep are noted for their good quality of thick and long fleeces and at the state fair in 1908 he carried off the first prize in the two-year-old class of rams and second prize for the ewe class. Mr. Deeds has also quite a reputation for raising pacing road horses, which he breeds from the finest registered stock, and moreover has engaged in the breeding of shorthorns and Gallaway cattle.

In addition to the home farm Mr. Deeds owns five other valuable farms, one containing one hundred and nine acres and another eighty-two acres, both of which are located in this township, two farms of one hundred and thirty-eight and one hundred and four acres, respectively, located in Union township, the former being part of his father's original estate and the latter lying west of Hebron, one hundred and eighty-four acres located near Hanover, Perry township, and a twenty acre plot in this township on which there are no buildings, Mr. Deeds owning a total of eight hundred and twenty-three acres. All these farms, with the exception of the eighty-two acre one, are operated by his children, Mr. Deeds himself having retired from active life as far as outside work is concerned, devoting his time to the general management of his affairs. He looks after all of the farms, seeing that his children keep them in good condition, but leaving the work to them while he looks after the financial side of the enterprise.

Mr. Deeds was united in marriage to Mary Keeran, who departed this life in 1866, after they had been married but two years. She had one daughter, Isabel, who died in infancy. On November 4, 1868, Mr. Deeds wedded Mrs. Ellen Belt Lane, a native of Union township, this county, where she was born November 7, 1839. She first wedded George Lane, by whom she had one child, Clara Edith, who is now the wife of Thomas Williams, of Union township, and has one daughter, Louise. Mrs. Lane was a daughter of William and Jane (Park) Belt, natives of this county, who spent their lives in Union township on a farm, where he died in September, 1881. His wife was born December 21, 1819, and now resides in Granville with a daughter. She was one of a family of eight children. Mr. and Mrs. Deeds were reared together, their fathers' farms adjoining. To them have been born eight children, namely: Nora Belle is the wife of Albert Shank, has one child and resides in this township; Florence became the wife of O. L. Skinner, of Columbus, Ohio, and has one child, Thora B.; Jennie wedded Arthur Smoke, by whom she has one son, Neil, and they reside on one of her father's farms, near Hebron, Union township; Homer B., living on his father's farm north of Hanover, married Ella Richie; Daisy Pearl wedded Frederick Welch, an agriculturist of Granville, and they have three children, Bernice, John H. and Frances Ellen; Stanley D. wedded Daisy Brown, by whom he has one child, Harry Dale, and they reside on a farm in Union township; Traverse married Lee Palmer, lives in Etna township and has one daughter, May; and George W., who wedded Lettie Cunningham, and resides on his father's farm in this township.

The platforms of the several political parties do not appeal to Mr. Deeds to such a degree as to induce him to give his undivided support to any one of them and consequently he has always preferred to be independent in politics and during campaigns it is his habit to select candidates whom in his judgment are qualified for public office and to vote for them irrespective of the parties to which they belong. While he is interested in public affairs he has never desired to become an office holder although he has served as land appraiser and also as member of the school

board. He belongs to the Ohio Merino Sheep Breeders Association and at one time was a member of the National Association. Mr. Deeds' industry and aggressiveness have been such as to largely contribute to the financial worth of the community and he is widely known throughout the state and in fact throughout the entire country as an expert sheep breeder and being a man not only blessed with a high degree of business ability but also a man of high moral character who has always endeavored to live in such a way as to better the conditions of the community in which he lived. He is favorably known as a good man and is numbered among the county's representative citizens and substantial financial factors.

FREDERICK KOCHENDORFER.

In a history of journalism in central Ohio it is imperative that mention be made of Frederick Kochendorfer, the founder, editor and owner of the Newark Express. He was born in Bonfeld in the kingdom of Württemberg, Germany, December 24, 1831, and is a son of Michael and Eva Dorothea (Deck) Kochendorfer, who were also natives of Bonfeld.

When a child of but four years Frederick Kochendorfer was left an orphan. His father left him a comfortable estate, so that in his youthful days he was enabled to enjoy good educational privileges. In the public schools he mastered the elementary branches of learning and afterward continued his studies in college, taking a course in preparation for educational work. At the age of seventeen years he became a teacher in the public schools and soon after received an appointment for a school at Stuttgart, the capital of his native state, this being considered an honor for a young man at that time. The opportunities of the new world attracted him, however, and in 1852 he bade adieu to his native country and sailed for the United States, taking up his abode in Newark, where for a time he engaged in teaching instrumental music and afterward for twenty years taught both German and music in the Newark high school. For two decades he was also the organist in the Second Presbyterian church and in all that time never but one Sunday was his place at the organ filled by any one else. In 1880 he founded the Newark Express and with the exception of one year he has since been its editor. He has been a very active man and even at his advanced age is still a factor in the world's work, although he is now in his seventy-eighth year.

In 1855 Mr. Kochendorfer was married to Miss Marguerite Madoery, who was born in Switzerland in 1831 and died in 1900. She came to the United States in 1850 with her parents, who located in Fairfield county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Kochendorfer became the parents of four children: Charles, who is a fruit grower near Glendora, California; Emma, the wife of Roe Emmerson, a clothing merchant of Newark; Mary, the widow of J. M. Baggs; and Fannie, at home. There are also two grandchildren: Fred Kochendorfer, who is with the Western Electric works in Chicago; and Sherman Baggs, a student in Denison University. There is also a great-grandson, Charles W. Kochendorfer.

In his political views Mr. Kochendorfer has long been a stalwart advocate of democratic principles but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and is an exemplary representa-

tive of the craft. For fifty-seven years a resident of America, he has the strongest attachment for the land of his adoption and its free institutions and through the years of his residence in Newark has ever been the champion of those movements and measures which have tended to promote public progress.

MRS. CATHARINE S. WILLIAMS.

Mrs. Catharine S. Williams is the widow of Edwin Williams, who was a pioneer of this part of Ohio and served creditably in a number of government and county offices. He also enjoyed the reputation of being a substantial and prosperous merchant, farmer and stock-raiser. He was a son of George W. Williams, and a native of the state of Pennsylvania, whence he came to this county prior to the Mexican war through which he served as a commissioned officer. At the close of the war he returned to Pennsylvania, where he remained until the year 1850, when he was united in marriage with Miss Catharine S. Searle, and then located in Homer, where he engaged in a general merchandise business. While conducting this enterprise he became widely known throughout the county and his popularity enabled him to secure the office of postmaster, the duties of which he performed for several years. At the expiration of his term of office, in the meantime having given up his general merchandise business, he purchased the farm then owned and operated by his grandfather, Crandel Wilcox. On that place he remained until the year 1871, when he was elected sheriff of the county and removed to Newark. When his term of office expired, after a period of four years, he came to Burlington township, where he resided until the date of his death in October, 1890. His political preferences he secured because of his allegiance to the democratic party, to which he has always tenaciously adhered and for the election of whose candidates he was enthusiastic during campaigns. He was a man whose leaning toward the democratic party was not the result of credulity but rather of profound study, leading him to the conclusion that its tenets are fundamental from an economic standpoint and in every respect adequate to assure the permanent prosperity of the commonwealth. Ever faithful to his religious obligations, deeming it a man's first duty to seek his moral and spiritual welfare and that of the community in which he lives, he was a regular and faithful attendant of the services of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Beside his widow Mr. Williams left the following children: James S., who now operates the home farm; George W., a lawyer of Columbus, Ohio; Mary S., wife of Dr. Rouse, of St. Louisville, Ohio; Martha C., who wedded William Burner, of Columbus, this state; Ruth C., wife of Lewis Youst, of Homer, Ohio; Helen D., who, having completed her education, remains at home; and Elizabeth, wife of Frank Yoakum, of Burlington township. The other children, John and Benjamin, are deceased.

Mrs. Catharine Williams was a daughter of John and Mary (Stark) Searle and her parents, both of whom have departed this life, were natives of the state of Pennsylvania. She was one of a family of eight children, four of whom still survive, namely: Elizabeth, who resides in Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Ruth Searle Courtwright, of Kingston, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Mary Peck, who resides in Pennsylvania; and Mrs. Searle, who has attained the advanced age of eighty-one years. The last

named is well-to-do and, among other interests, possesses one hundred and ten acres of highly improved farming land adjoining the village of Homer. She is widely known throughout the county and is held in high esteem for her womanly qualities and for her many years of usefulness. Mrs. Williams is a member of the Episcopalian church, with which she has been affiliated throughout her entire life.

HUGH A. FLEMING.

Hugh A. Fleming is one of the respected and worthy residents of Newark. In former years he was connected with several lines of business and is now serving as notary public, which position he has filled almost continuously for twenty-seven years. He is one of the county's native sons, his birth having occurred September 16, 1837, in one of the pioneer hewed log houses of Perry township. His parents were Thomas D. and Rebecca (Hall) Fleming, who became residents of this county at a very early period in its development. The father was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1807, and in his childhood days was brought to Ohio by his parents, John and Mary (Caldwell) Fleming, who settled in Madison township, where the death of John Fleming soon afterward occurred. The children were thus left to the care of the widow.

On attaining his majority Thomas D. Fleming settled on a farm in Perry township, where he spent his entire life and became recognized as one of the most prominent and influential agriculturists of the community. As the years passed he prospered in his undertakings and, making judicious investments in property, became the owner of three hundred and fifty acres of some of the best land in Perry township. He died in August, 1880, in his seventy-fourth year and thus closed a life of activity and usefulness. He was a consistent Christian man, holding membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. His political views accorded with the principles of the republican party and for twelve years he served as justice of the peace, his decisions being strictly fair and impartial. For several years he was also one of the township trustees and ever discharged his official duties with promptness and fidelity, so that his course won for him the unqualified confidence of his fellowmen. His wife, who was born in Perry township, Licking county, in 1814, was a daughter of Allen and Nancy (Thropp) Hall, who were among the pioneer settlers of Perry township, coming here from Pennsylvania. Mrs. Fleming died in her eightieth year. Their family numbered four children, three of whom are yet living: Nathan Quinn, a prominent and prosperous farmer and stock breeder of Hanover township; Matilda J., now the wife of M. L. Montgomery, of Perry township; and Hugh A., of this review.

On the old home farm Hugh A. Fleming was reared and was a pupil in the district schools through the period of his boyhood and youth. He was nineteen years of age when his father sold the farm and went to Perryton. The son also took up his abode in the city but made daily trips to and from his farm in Perry township, which had been given him by his father. He did not like this way of living, however, and told his father that he was going to get married and live upon his place on attaining his majority. He would not reach the age of twenty-one, however, until the following fall but his father said that spring was the better time to

marry if he wished to locate on the farm, that he might raise crops through the summer months and have something to keep him through the winter. Accordingly the marriage was hastened and in the spring his nuptials were celebrated, after which he took up his abode upon his land. It was in February, 1858, that he wedded Miss Catherine A. Wintermute, of Perry township, a daughter of Aaron Wintermute, one of the early settlers of that township. The farm was a tract of one hundred acres, on which the young couple took up their abode and with characteristic energy Mr. Fleming turned his attention to the development of his place, which he carefully cultivated until the spring of 1867 save for the period of his service in the Civil war.

In 1864 Mr. Fleming had enlisted in defense of the Union in response to the call for one hundred day men. He joined Company F of the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he was connected for two years. He had previously had some military training, having formerly served as a member of the Ohio National Guard. His command was sent to North Mountain, Virginia, where the company to which Mr. Fleming belonged and one other were assigned to guard duty, while the remainder of the regiment was stationed at other points. This was in the month of May. On the 3d of July following four thousand rebels closed in on the little band of Union men, numbering only two hundred and after a desperate resistance of three hours fighting against such great odds they were obliged to surrender and were taken south to Andersonville prison, where they were incarcerated for five months. Mr. Fleming weighed two hundred pounds on entering that prison and on his release scarcely weighed one hundred pounds. He was possibly the only man who was ever able to secrete a watch and yet spend five months in Andersonville and bring the watch out with him. When captured he secreted the timepiece in his boot and when searched in prison he had it concealed in his armpit, having been able to elude the man who had been assigned to watch over him long enough to sew the timepiece into the sleeve of his shirt, where it fell naturally into his armpit. In December he was exchanged on sick list and returned home broken in health. He tried to resume farming but after two years sold his farm and removed into the town of Perryton, where he engaged in merchandising, being connected with that business until 1877. He then sold out and turned his attention to the undertaking business, which he conducted for ten years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Pataskala, where he also conducted an undertaking establishment for five years and following his removal to Newark in 1893 he continued in the same line of business until 1904. His impaired health, however, forced him to retire. He has never been a robust man since his military experience, much of his ill health being the result of his life in a southern prison. He is now practically living retired, although he is serving as notary public and has filled the position for twenty-seven consecutive years with the exception of the brief period passed in Pataskala.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fleming has been born but one child, Cora May, now the wife of Dr. D. H. Miller, Sr. Mr. Fleming belongs to Perryton Lodge, No. 733, I. O. O. F., of which he was a charter member. He also belongs to Lemmert Post, No. 71, G. A. R., and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. His political allegiance is given to the republican party where national issues are involved and for sixty years he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, his life being actuated by its teachings, while at all times he has been

loyal to the principles which it inculcates. Straightforward and reliable under all circumstances and in every condition, those who know him entertain for him the warmest regard and he is especially deserving of mention from the fact that he is one of the pioneer residents and native sons of the county.

ANDERSON T. SPEER, M. D.

Anderson T. Speer, M. D., is a much respected citizen because of his advocacy of those things which tend to municipal progress and honor, because of his allegiance to high principles in private life, and because of his well known skill and ability in his profession. Licking county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Jersey township April 4, 1842. He is a son of Timothy Gould Speer, who was born in Newark, New Jersey, and was connected with the well known Gould family. About 1836 he removed westward to Ohio, proceeding to Cleveland and thence to Licking county by canal. He was a shoemaker by trade but after arriving in central Ohio he turned his attention to farming in Jersey township, following that pursuit for several years. At length tiring of his work in agricultural lines he resumed his original vocation and followed it throughout the remainder of his active connection with business interests. He was born in the year 1800, and passed away in 1889. His wife, who was of Scotch descent, bore the maiden name of Mary Anderson, and was a daughter of Captain Anderson. Her father was at one time a wealthy man but lost much money by running the blockade during the war between France and England. While still residing in the east the marriage of Timothy Gould Speer and Mary Anderson was celebrated, but soon afterward they sought a home in the west. The mother passed away in Licking county at the age of eighty-six years. Two brothers and two sisters of Dr. Speer are still living in this county, namely: George, Dennis, Mrs. Julia Hedrick and Mrs. Mary Nichols.

In early boyhood a pupil in the county schools, Dr. Speer afterward enjoyed the advantage of instruction in the Newark high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1860. He then entered the drug store of Dr. J. N. Wilson, of Newark, commencing the study of medicine there, after which he attended the Michigan University, at Ann Arbor, while later he was graduated from the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati in the class of 1866. He located for practice at Newark, where he has remained continuously since, covering a period of forty-three years. He has seen the growth of the town from a place of five thousand inhabitants. Today it has increased six fold and Dr. Speer's practice has grown proportionately. He has never ceased to remain a close and discriminating student of medical literature and has thus kept abreast with the advancement that is being continuously made by the profession. His knowledge of medicine and drugs is comprehensive and exact and he is very careful in the diagnosis of his cases, so that his efforts have been attended with excellent success. He belongs to the county, state, and national medical associations, and in 1881 was a delegate from the Ohio State Medical Society to the International Medical Congress in London. He had the honor of being chosen the first president of the Licking County Medical Society.

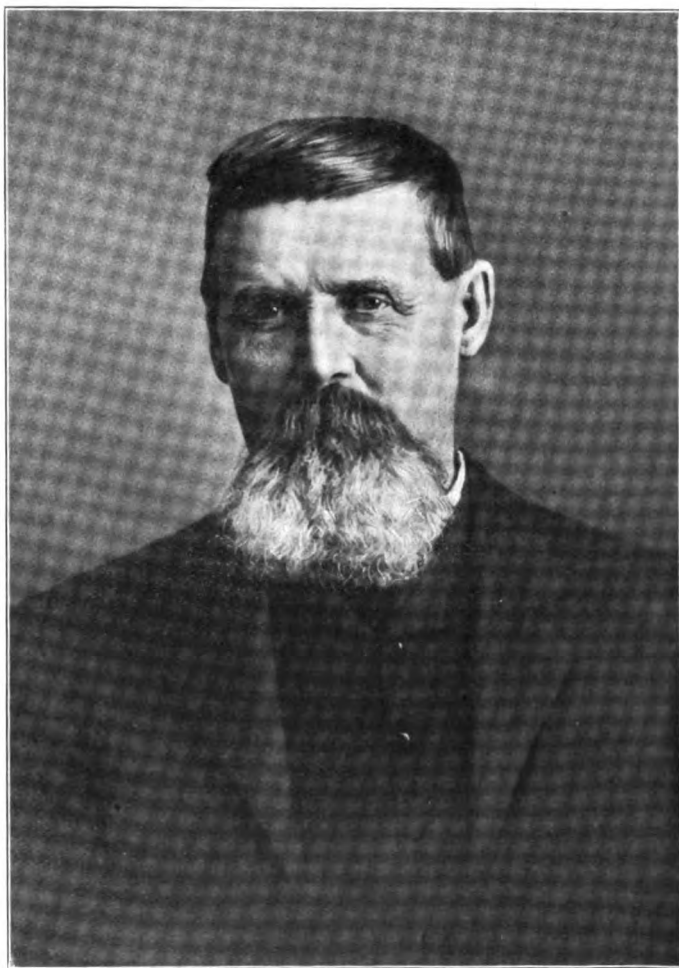
and is now a member of the United States pension examining board, having served also during the administration of president Harrison. He has been health officer of the city and throughout his entire life has been imbued with a helpful spirit that has prompted his best professional efforts, even when he knew no remuneration might be expected for his services.

In 1873 Dr. Speer was married to Miss Frances Impey. Her father was of English descent, born in Ireland, and was an officer in the British army; his wife, a Miss Stevenson, was an Irish lady of distinction and great beauty. Her mother was Frances Stanbery, daughter of the Hon. William Stanbery, one of the most brilliant lawyers of the state. Mrs. Speer's brother, Captain Robert E. Impey, is a retired officer of the United States navy. Her sister Mrs. Cecelia Woods, is the widow of Major General Charles R. Woods, of the United States army. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Speer were born three sons and two daughters: Roderick Impey, who is auditor for the Western Gas Construction Company, at Fort Wayne, Indiana; Anna Louise, the wife of George E. Graeser, of Newark; Ruth Arlington, the wife of Dr. Corkwell, of Newark; Julian Stanbery, who is a student in the Carnegie Technical School at Pittsburg, studying to become an electrical engineer; and Douglas, who died at the age of two years.

Dr. Speer gives his political allegiance to the republican party, never swerving in support of its principles. He has been a member of the Masonic fraternity since 1862, when he joined Newark Lodge No. 97, A. F. & A. M. He has taken all of the degrees up to the thirty-third, has been master of the local lodge for three years and high priest of the chapter. He belongs also to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is a member of the Episcopal church. His life has been so honorable in its purposes, so varied and helpful in its activities, as to gain for him classification with the most honored and prominent residents of this part of the state.

WESLEY BUSH.

Wesley Bush, who carries on general farming in Monroe township, is a representative of one of the old and prominent pioneer families of the county. He was born in this county June 7, 1815, his parents being Noah and Eliza (Longwell) Bush. His paternal grandfather came to Licking county from Virginia in the early days, when all this section was a vast wilderness, and cast in his lot with the pioneers who were establishing their homes amid the forests and were soon to make a vast transformation in the appearance of the community. The Longwells were of Irish descent. When Noah Bush and Eliza Longwell were married they established their home on land adjoining the farm where the son now resides. Their household furniture was all made by Mr. Bush, who cut the timber from the surrounding forests. Logs were split, holes bored and pegs inserted and thus tables and stools were made, while beds were constructed in the same rude manner. The cooking was done in the open fire-place and the furnishings of the little home were very meager and primitive in character, yet happy hours were passed in the little cabin, notwithstanding the fact that they



WESLEY BUSH

were widely separated from neighbors and wolves were often heard howling around the house at night. Money was very scarce and in order to secure a little needed cash Noah Bush sought and obtained employment at Newark, which was then a little town. He was employed on some excavation work, wheeling dirt for twenty-five cents per day, which was of twelve hours' duration. He walked from his home to Newark, a distance of about twenty miles, every Monday morning in time to go to work and back home again Saturday evening after the week's work was done, carrying with him a salary of a dollar and a half in compensation for his earnest and arduous toil. He carried on the task of clearing his own farm and it was gradually freed from the timber and converted into productive and arable fields. As the years passed and he prospered in his undertakings, Noah Bush made further investment in property and became an extensive landowner and prosperous farmer.

Wesley Bush was thus reared in an atmosphere of toil and enterprise and lessons of industry and economy were early impressed upon his mind. He assisted in the general work of the farm and procured such education as was obtainable in the district schools of the township. On the 4th of July, 1868, he married Miss Amanda Heckathorn, a daughter of Henry and Lydia (Fowler) Heckathorn. Unto this marriage have been born eleven children: Harvey; Ottis, who is deceased; Dessie, now the wife of Ora Cramer; Sylvia, the wife of Wesley Barrack; Lee; Ida; Roe; Perry; Pearl; and Sadie. One died in infancy.

Since his marriage Mr. Bush has lived in the same locality of his present farm home. He has always been engaged in farming and stock-raising and has ever maintained a high standard of citizenship, enjoying the confidence and uniform respect of his neighbors. His farm presents an attractive appearance, for he is diligent and energetic and desires to keep in touch with the spirit of progress and improvement. In politics he is a republican and is always interested in community affairs, giving stalwart support to many measures for the general good. His entire life has been passed in this county, so that for sixty-four years he has witnessed its progress and improvement and at all times rejoices in what has been accomplished along lines of substantial development.

J. D. ROUSE, M. D.

Dr. J. D. Rouse, who for more than thirty years has been numbered among the able and successful representatives of the medical fraternity of St. Louisville, was born in Knox county, Ohio, April 18, 1852. His parents, Sylvester G. and Isabelle (Lyon) Rouse, natives of Guernsey county and Belmont county, Ohio, respectively, are both deceased. They had two sons, namely: William L., a graduate of the medical college of Ohio at Cincinnati, now a practicing physician of Greene county, and J. D., of this review.

When sixteen years of age Dr. Rouse began teaching school and was thus successfully engaged in educational labors for two years. Determining upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he began reading to that end in Martinsburg, Ohio, and in 1875 was graduated from the medical college at Cincinnati, Ohio. He at

once located for practice at Homer, where he remained a year and, subsequently, followed his profession at Paintersville, Greene county, for a similar period. His next removal was to St. Louisville, where he has since remained and as the years have passed has enjoyed a profitable and steadily increasing patronage, which has come to him in recognition of his skill and ability as a medical practitioner.

In 1878 Dr. Rouse was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Searle Williams, a native of Licking county and a daughter of Edwin and Catherine Williams, whose family numbered eight children. The father has passed away but the mother still resides at Homer, and has attained the age of eighty years. Unto our subject and his wife have been born two children: Rose C., a graduate of the high school at St. Louisville, who has been engaged in teaching for nine years; and Edwin S., a druggist of Cincinnati and a graduate of St. Louisville high school and Ohio Northern university.

In addition to his office and residence Dr. Rouse likewise owns two lots in St. Louisville, and a valuable farm of one hundred and sixty-seven acres in Knox county. He is widely recognized as a most substantial and progressive citizen and is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community where he has labored in his professional capacity for more than three decades. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Newark, and the craft finds in him a most worthy exemplar. Dr. Rouse is a member of the American Medical Association and the Ohio State and Licking County Medical societies.

CHARLES SNARE.

For a number of years Charles Snare has been engaged in the grocery and butchering business in Homer, and his industry has enabled him to meet with splendid success. He now possesses considerable means, all of which he has accumulated by his own energy and incessant application to business. In every respect he is a man who has made his own way in the world, having initiated himself into commercial life at the age of eighteen years, at which time he was without either influence or money and has since succeeded in amassing a comfortable fortune. He was born in Burlington township, Licking county, August 31, 1862, son of John and Margaret (Plummer) Snare, his parents being natives of McKean township. He is one of a family of four children, the others being: Frank, deceased; Clara, wife of George Frease, who resides in McKean township; and Nannie, deceased. His parents are still living and although both have attained to a ripe old age they still retain a remarkable degree of health and vigor and, being among the early pioneers of this part of the state, they are conversant with many interesting incidents and important events of its early history.

Charles Snare, after having acquired his education at the district schools, in the meantime engaging with his father in the labors of the farm, left his parental home when eighteen years of age and started out in the world to work for himself. For a period of two years he engaged as a farm hand and then rented a farm which he cultivated successfully for a period of six years. During this time by close attention to work he succeeded in gaining considerable means. Finally he gave up agricultural pursuits and for a period of one year worked by the day and then invested his money in the butcher business at Homer. He made quite a success of

this enterprise and conducted it for six years when he disposed of the business and spent one year in Utica, after which, upon again returning to Homer, he established himself in the butcher business in connection with which he introduced grocery lines in the year 1901. He is still carrying on both lines of trade and his earnest labor and constant effort to please his customers have enabled him to acquire an extensive patronage. Mr. Snare is a man of excellent business qualifications and, being patient and persevering, he is conducting his business to good advantage. In addition to other real-estate interests he is the owner of two residences. When he started out in life he had little education and, being without money or influence, he was compelled to fall back entirely upon his own resources, which indeed was all the better for him as it developed those latent possibilities for pursuing a successful business career which otherwise may never have been brought to the surface. He is a man of good judgment and excellent executive abilities, by which he has been able to gain the reputation of being one of the most substantial and prosperous citizens of the community.

In the year 1887 Mr. Snare was united in marriage with Miss Mary Wagner, a native of Burlington township and a daughter of Martin and Cynthia (Kettle) Wagner, her father having departed this life, while her mother still survives and now resides with her daughter, Mrs. Snare. The latter is one of a family of six children. Mr. and Mrs. Snare are the parents of one son, Ira E., who is a student at high school, and one daughter, Verne E., who is at home. One child passed away in infancy. In politics Mr. Snare is a democrat and has always pinned his faith in the principles of the party. For two terms he filled the office of township assessor and is now performing the duties of treasurer. Among the fraternal organizations with which he is affiliated is Lodge No. 555, Knights of Pythias, at Homer. Mr. and Mrs. Snare hold uppermost their religious obligations and are consistent members of the Presbyterian church.

I. N. PALMER, M. D.

The friends of Dr. I. N. Palmer—and they are many—would regard this history as incomplete were there failure to make reference to Dr. Palmer as one of the able members of the medical fraternity in Newark where he has engaged in practice continuously since 1894, enjoying during this time a constantly growing patronage as he has given proof of his ability to cope with the intricate problems which continually confront the physician in his efforts to check the ravages of disease and restore health. He was born in Fallsbury township, Licking county, July 18, 1859. His father, Samuel Palmer, was a native of the same locality while his grandfather, John Palmer, came to Ohio from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and settled near Brownsville. There he engaged in farming in pioneer times and amid the wild scenes and environment of frontier life Samuel Palmer was reared. He early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist and throughout his entire life carried on the work of tilling the soil. At the time of the Civil war, however, he joined the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Ohio Regiment of Volunteer Infantry and went to the front but was captured at

South Mountain and sent to Andersonville where he died in prison in 1864 when thirty-three years of age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Porter, was born in Fallsbury township and was a daughter of John Porter, one of the earliest settlers of that locality. He devoted his life to farming and lived to be eighty-five years of age, spending his last days on the old homestead farm which he had entered from the government on his arrival in Ohio. His daughter Mrs. Palmer, reached the age of forty-seven years, passing away in 1880.

Dr. Palmer was educated in the district schools and in early manhood engaged in teaching, following the profession in Licking county until 1882 while later he devoted eight years to the same profession in Butler and Warren counties. By this time, however, he cherished the idea of some day becoming a member of the medical fraternity and at length saw the fulfillment of his hope when he gave up teaching in Trenton, Ohio, and entered upon the study of medicine in the Pulte Medical College at Cincinnati. There he was graduated in 1892 after which he opened an office in Wyoming, Ohio, but in 1894 removed to Newark where he has since remained. He has been engaged in general practice and is well versed in all of the departments of medical science. His ability is being constantly augmented by his continued reading, experience and investigation and he now has an extensive patronage while for four years he has also been physician to the Children's Home. He is a member and vice president of the Licking County Medical Society, and is also a member of the Ohio State Medical Society and the National Medical Association.

In 1882 Dr. Palmer was united in marriage to Miss Ola B. Legge, a daughter of Louis Legge, of Newark and one of the pioneer residents of the county. They now have one son, Dorwin L. The parents are members of the Second Presbyterian church and their lives are in harmony with their profession. Dr. Palmer has been a member of the Masonic fraternity since 1882 when he joined the order at Bladensburg. He is now a member of the lodge at Newark, also of the chapter and the commandery, while in the Scottish Rite he has taken the degrees of the consistory. Since 1894 he has been a member of Rowland Lodge, No. 305, K. P. and he likewise belongs to the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks and to other fraternal societies. He possesses a genial manner and kindly spirit that have gained him many friends and everywhere he is known he is held in warm regard.

W. F. VANATTA.

W. F. Vanatta, who is now successfully engaged in merchandising in the village of Vanatta, in partnership with his son Thomas A., was born in Newton township, October 26, 1843, his parents being Jerry S. and Eleanor (McDaniel) Vanatta, natives of New Jersey. In the year 1833 they made their way to this county, the father purchasing the farm which is now the property of our subject. He was a stalwart democrat in his political views and took an active and helpful interest in public affairs but did not desire office as a reward for party fealty. When he passed away in June, 1852, the county mourned the loss of one of the most respected and honored early settlers as well as public-spirited citizens. His wife, surviving him for a long period, was called to her final rest in 1895. Their family

numbered seven children, namely: Amanda, the wife of A. M. Stewart, of Newark; Anna, the deceased wife of James Almond; A. J. and A. R., who have also passed away; Abigail, the wife of L. Huffman, of Newark; W. F., of this review; and D. M., who is likewise deceased.

In his early youth W. F. Vanatta attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and when but twelve years of age began learning the blacksmith's trade, in which line of activity he was successfully engaged until 1903. He then turned his attention to mercantile pursuits and established a store in Vanatta, which he has since conducted, his well-selected line of goods, reasonable prices and earnest desire to please his customers bringing to him a liberal and profitable patronage. He likewise owns a well-improved farm of one hundred and nine and a half acres, in Newton township, as well as an attractive and commodious residence in Vanatta, and is widely recognized as a representative merchant and substantial citizen of his native county.

There is likewise a creditable military chapter in the life record of Mr. Vanatta, for in 1864 he enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Johnson, for one hundred days' service. He participated in a number of hotly contested engagements and proved a brave and loyal soldier, staunchly defending the Union in the darkest hour of our country's history.

In 1865 Mr. Vanatta was united in marriage to Miss Virginia F. Duer, a native of Muskingum county, Ohio, and a daughter of James and Jane (Folton) Dewar. Three children were born unto her parents and both the father and mother are now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Vanatta have been born eight children, as follows: Leona M., the wife of David Jones, of Newark; Burr N., who has passed away; James D., a resident of Pennsylvania; Thomas, at home; Lula, the wife of Otis Stone, of Newark; Aaron, who makes his home in Newark; Clara, the wife of Fred Scarborough, of Newark, and Guy, who is deceased.

Mr. Vanatta gives his political allegiance to the men and measures of the democracy but has no desire for the honors nor emoluments of office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests. His wife is a devoted and faithful member of the Lutheran church. Movements and measures for the general good receive his endorsement and support and in the community where he has spent his entire life he has a circle of friends almost co-extensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

P. H. COSNER, M. D.

Dr. P. H. Cosner, devoting his time and energy to the practice of medicine and surgery, his extensive patronage being the best evidence of his capability in these lines, was born in Fredericktown, Ohio, March 7, 1870. His father, David Cosner, was a native of Maryland and went to Fredericktown with his father, David Cosner, Sr. For many years the doctor's father was identified with mercantile interests in Fredericktown and was a leading and influential resident of the locality. He died in 1888 at the age of forty-nine years and is still survived by his wife, Mrs. Henrietta (Kirby) Cosner, who is a native of Ohio.

Dr. Cosner was a pupil in the public schools of Knox county, Ohio, and attained his literary education in Oberlin College, after which he entered the Baltimore Medical College at Baltimore, Maryland. Completing the full course in that institution he was graduated with the class of 1896, and for a short time remained in practice in that city. He afterward came to Ohio and for eight years followed his chosen profession in Bladensburg, Knox county. In 1904 he removed to Newark where he has since remained. He has taken two post-graduate courses in the Baltimore Medical College, and is continually striving toward a higher standard in his professional work for he realizes fully the responsibilities that devolve upon him as a physician and is giving to his patients the benefit of broad knowledge. The analytical trend of his mind, too, is an element in his success, enabling him to understand the case, its causes and the possibilities for relief.

In 1891 Dr. Cosner was married to Miss Olive Young, a native of Gambier, Ohio, and a daughter of James Young. They have one son, William L., born May 19, 1895, who is the life and light of the household. Dr. Cosner is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Modern Woodmen Camp. In those organizations he has gained many friends and won the warm personal regard of those with whom business and social relations have brought him in contact during his residence in Newark.

LEE S. LAKE.

Lee S. Lake, who for many years has been prominent in republican circles and at the same time has been identified with agricultural and stock-raising interests of this county, was born in Franklin township, June 3, 1846, a son of Willis Lake, a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, and a descendant of Sir William Lake, field marshal under Oliver Cromwell. Willis Lake came to Ohio during boyhood and lived the remainder of his days actively engaged in the pursuit of agriculture. His wife, Nancy (Shipp) Lake, was a native of the Keystone state and of that sturdy class of Americans known as Pennsylvania Germans.

Lee S. Lake acquired his preliminary education in the public schools and at the age of fifteen years he was matriculated as a student in Denison University, where he pursued a course of study covering two years but, owing to the limited financial circumstances of his parents, he was compelled to leave the college and secure employment. Upon completing his sophomore year in Denison University he was called to Cromwell, Indiana, to take charge of the schools there but remained only one year when he returned to Ohio where he taught in the district and village schools of this county for eight years, at the expiration of which period he removed to Tazewell county, Illinois, becoming superintendent of the schools in Tremont. After holding that position for three years he again returned to this county and upon purchasing a farm he decided to relinquish the profession of school teaching and follow agriculture for a living. Until the year 1892 he engaged in general farming and stock-raising and during that year the late Hon. William McKinley, who was then governor of the state, appointed him one of the board of managers of the Ohio State Reformatory, at Mansfield, and when his term of office had ex-

pired Governor Asa Bushnell assigned him to the position of superintendent of the farm connected with the same institution. He performed the duties of that position for the succeeding eight years, at the termination of which he returned to this county in 1903, making his residence in Newark, and during the following summer was nominated by the republican party as candidate for justice of the peace, and secured his election by a large majority. For three years he capably served in this office and distinguished himself by doing twice as much business as had been recorded to any of his predecessors. In 1908 he received the republican nomination for probate judge but the entire democratic ticket was elected in this county.

On May 13, 1872, Mr. Lake was united in marriage to Miss C. Josephine Miller, daughter of Major James H. and Nancy (Irwin) Miller. They have two sons: Theodore Franklin, who married Julia Garby; and Stewart Edmunds, who wedded Proxetta Hanks. Mr. Lake is a staunch adherent of the republican party, of the principles of which he has always been a conscientious advocate and his loyalty to the party has merited him the honor of representing those interests on many occasions at state conventions, both from Licking and Richland counties. He has always been an active worker and during campaigns has always figured as a leading factor in presenting the principles of the party and in endeavoring to secure the election of its candidates. He has been as faithful to his religious duties as to those devolving upon him in other connections and from boyhood has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a liberal supporter. Mr. Lake's life has always been modest and honorable and he attributes much of his physical health and vigor to the fact that he has never used stimulants or narcotics. Being a man of noble purpose as well as of great industry and energy, his life has been such not only to merit him political preferments but also the confidence and cordial respect of his fellow citizens.

CHRISTOPHER C. WINTER.

Christopher C. Winter, who for many years was associated with the agricultural interests of Harrison township, this county, and who is a retired station agent of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, June 30, 1838, a son of Christopher and Katherine (Simmons) Winter, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state. His father was one of six children born to Christopher Winter, Sr., who came to the new world from Germany when a lad, settling in the state of Pennsylvania, where he followed farming until the time of his death. Christopher Winter, Sr., came to this county when his son Christopher C. was three months old and settled in Union township on a farm consisting of two hundred acres, where he and his wife spent their remaining days and reared a family of twelve children.

In the district schools Christopher C. Winter acquired his education and remained on the farm with his father until 1864, during which year he went to Delaware county, where he engaged in agriculture and stock-raising for seven years. At the expiration of that period he removed to Outville, where he was made assistant station agent on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, which position he held until

1898, when he was promoted to station agent and performed the duties of that office until June, 1908, when, on account of his advanced years, he retired on a pension and the position was given to his daughter. During the Civil war his business affairs were such that he could not leave them in order to take an active part in defense of the Union, but he hired a substitute who took his place in the one hundred days' service.

On April 5, 1864, Mr. Winter wedded Jane Glick, daughter of George Washington and Rosa (Coffman) Glick, natives of this state, who had a family of twelve children. To Mr. and Mrs. Winter have been born: Maude is the widow of Henry Clarke and resides with her son Winter in Columbus, Ohio; Clyde married Charles H. Moore, and they have two children, Charles and Maude, and reside in Columbus, Ohio; Georgia is at home with her parents; Jessie succeeded her father as station agent here; and Chester Caldwell, a recent graduate of Denison University. He expects to enter the theological seminary at Rochester, New York, where he will study for the Christian ministry.

Mr. Winter has always believed that the principles of the democratic party embody those policies best adapted to maintain the original character of the country's institutions and consequently all his life has been loyal to its candidates. With his wife he attends divine services at the Baptist church in Kirkersville, in which both are faithful workers. Mr. Winter was very active during his younger days and has succeeded in laying by much of this world's goods and possesses an elegant nine-room residence. His life has been modest and, having observed a high standard of morals, he is now, although seventy years of age, in possession of a measure of energy which is seldom enjoyed by those who are many years younger. His business relations have been such as to enable him to gain the confidence of the people and his well spent life merits the respect of all with whom he is acquainted.

GEORGE E. WELLS.

George E. Wells, who occupies a prominent place in the commercial circles of Pataskala, where he is engaged in the hay, grain and feed business, was born in Union township, November 4, 1859, a son of Reason and Adeline (Cain) Wells, both of whom were natives of this county, the birth of his father having occurred September 20, 1818, and that of his mother on March 11, 1834, his parents having entered into rest on July 4, 1891 and March 31, 1888 respectively. Farming and stock breeding commanded the attention of Reason Wells, who owned about eight hundred acres of valuable land located in this county, and at the time of his death he possessed a handsome competence, most of which he earned in raising sheep and handling wool. He was considered an authority on sheep-raising throughout the county. He manifested deep interest in public affairs and always gave his support to the republican party, whose principles he ably advocated, during campaigns regu-nell, of Harrison township; George Elmer, who is interested in the milling business dates. He reared a family of nine children: Mary Ellen, the wife of J. R. Chan-in Pataskala; Minnie J., the wife of James Jacobs, a resident of Kirkersville;

Carry May, the wife of James S. White, living on a farm in Etna township; Mattie E., who resides on a farm in Union township with her husband, George Harris; Addie, who was born in 1869, her death occurring in 1893; Laura J., the widow of Joseph Welch, who resides in New Mexico; Reason L., a resident of Columbus, Ohio; and Charles N.

Shortly after his birth George Elmer Wells was brought to Harrison township by his parents, who located on a farm a half mile north of Kirkersville, and there he spent his boyhood days, engaging in the duties of agricultural life and acquiring a knowledge of the art of husbandry under the supervision of his father, while in the winter season he availed himself of the educational opportunities of the district school. Remaining on the home farm until the year 1883, he was then married and began farming independently, continuing the pursuit for three years, at the termination of which period, in 1886, he removed to Outville where he engaged in general merchandizing until the fall of 1891, during which year he returned home, the move being occasioned by the death of his father. He remained in that neighborhood, where he purchased a farm, until February, 1902, when he located in Pataskala, where he has since been engaged in the hay, grain and feed business. He has been quite successful in this venture, having a wide knowledge of the enterprise, and his experience, together with his solicitation to accommodate his patrons, has enabled him to greatly increase his volume of trade until his business at present is one of the most considerable in this part of the township.

In 1883 Mr. Wells wedded Lella R. Hancock, a native of Union township, born April 18, 1867, and a daughter of Captain James and Annie (Outgelt) Hancock, who spent their entire lives there. Mr. Wells is a republican in politics, firmly believing in the principles of his party and consequently is a live factor during campaigns in advocating the party policy and endeavoring to secure the election of its candidates. Local affairs have always commanded his attention and while a resident of Harrison township he served efficiently as justice of the peace and also as a trustee, and, being a public spirited man, he is always ready to further measures designed for the general improvement of the community. Mr. Wells is a faithful adherent of the Methodist Episcopal church and is also actively affiliated with the religious organization known as the Methodist Brotherhood. Being a man whose daily life is as far as possible in harmony with the teachings of his faith, he is in every sense a desirable citizen whose industry and enterprise have justly entitled him to the place he holds as one of the township's representative business men.

MARTIN SLOUGH.

Martin Slough, who was a highly respected citizen, veteran of the Civil war, and a prosperous farmer, was born in Harrison township, September 24, 1838, on the farm on which he was reared, and on which he passed away June 23, 1905. His parents were John and Mary (Lepart) Slough, natives of Fairfield county, where his birth occurred October 1, 1800, and that of his wife on January 28, 1807, their marriage having taken place there on March 28, 1826. His ancestors, having come from Germany to the new world at an early date, later settled in Fairfield county,

Ohio, while his wife's ancestors were originally from the Keystone state. In 1831 her parents located on the Harrison township farm, where they remained carrying on a general farming business until they departed this life, on June 1, 1871, and September 28, 1898, respectively. They were among the first settlers of this region, the entire country having been practically covered with forest upon their arrival. Mrs. Slough's first husband had been William Ewing, who passed away, leaving one child, David Ewing, who was a prisoner of war and died in Andersonville prison. By her second husband she had twelve children, namely: Elizabeth, who died in her nineteenth year; Irwin, who was a soldier in the one-hundred-day service during the Civil war; Maria, deceased; Henry, a veteran of the Civil war; John, Jr., who enlisted in a Kansas Company during the Civil war and lost his life while on duty; Simon, of Granville; Martin; Sophia, deceased; William, a veteran of the Civil war, who enlisted in Ohio and was in the one hundred day's service; Samuel, a veteran of the Civil war, who served in the same regiment with his brothers, Irwin, William and Samuel; George, of Kansas; and Thomas, deceased. The family has an excellent war record, six brothers and one half-brother having been in the military ranks on the Union side. Their mother's life was one of great activity and industry, and few women have ever manifested greater endurance, she having made all the clothing with which to supply the members of her family from wool raised on the home farm, which she would spin at night, and so great was her energy that she would go for long periods without having more than four hours sleep a day. She was a hard worker and active until the last year of her life, her death having occurred when she was past her ninety-first year.

Martin Slough was reared upon the home farm, where he worked in the fields, and during the winter acquired his education in the district schools. He remained at home until the outbreak of the Civil war and then, on April 19, 1861, enlisted at the first call for troops, the Seventeenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged from the three months' service at Zanesville, Ohio, in August, 1861. He reenlisted at Alexandria, September 3, 1861, in Company D, Twenty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and with his regiment participated in much hard fighting. Two guns were shot out of his grasp in the battle of Shiloh and he had several other thrilling experiences. During the service he was overtaken with illness and confined in a hospital in Cincinnati from May 10 to May 25, 1862, and after his release was furloughed until July 10, at which time he was detached for six months with the mounted infantry at Trenton, Tennessee, and was discharged at Camp Denison, November 18, 1864, after having served with the three and eight months troops and three-years men.

Returning home, in 1865 Mr. Slough went to Granville, where he engaged in operating a sawmill with his brother, Simon Slough, for seven years, the firm being known as Slough Brothers. While in this business he lost an eye while working at an emery wheel, upon which he gave up the enterprise and returned to his farm in 1877, there spending his remaining days in the pursuit of agriculture. At the time of Martin Slough's boyhood this farm was the scene of great activity. It was provided with a sawmill, cider mill, horning mill, a threshing machine, a cooper shop and cheese factory, and in addition to these enterprises an extensive dairy business was conducted. With the numerous buildings required by the various enterprises the farm wore the appearance of a small village, until all the buildings, with the exception of the dwelling house, were destroyed by fire in 1903. With so many in-

terests there was ample work for all the members of the family and all the sons were employed on the home farm. During his latter years, however, Mr. Slough did not engage in so many enterprises and devoted his time principally to raising general crops and stock.

On August 14, 1867, Mr. Slough wedded Melissa Bancroft, whose birth occurred in Jersey township, this county, on May 17, 1841, and who with her parents removed to Granville while she was in her infancy and resided there until she came to Harrison township in 1877. She was the daughter of Lyman and Emeline (Hobart) Bancroft, her father having been a native of Granville township, where his birth occurred January 4, 1809, and her mother of Vermont, where she was born January 21, 1811. Mrs. Bancroft was taken by her parents, Noah and Abigail (Hazelton) Hobart, to Granville in the summer of 1816, and departed this life in Gambier, Ohio, August 28, 1894. Her husband left Granville for California in 1849 in search for gold, and passed away during the following year. In the family were five children, namely: Lucy, widow of Daniel Hunt, of Gambier, this state; Alvah, who departed this life in Columbus, Ohio, in 1906; Ethan, who passed away in that city in 1891; Leroy, whose death occurred here in 1898; and Melissa. To Mr. and Mrs. Slough were born: Mary, who passed away in 1894; Fannie and Ida, at home; Charles, who was born in 1875 and died in 1900; Clara, who is the wife of Arlington Nessley of Kirkersville, Ohio, and has three children, Mary Leone, Georgie Pauline, and Stephen Slough; and Abigail, widow of Harvey Wells.

Since her husband's death Mrs. Slough has remained on the old homestead which originally contained two hundred and ten acres and now comprises one hundred and seventy-six acres. Mr. Slough was a member of Myrtle Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Granville, and also a member of Baird Post, G. A. R., of Pataskala. He was well known throughout the county, not only for his enterprising spirit, but also for his upright and useful life, and in his death the county lost one of its most highly respected citizens and a man whose energy and example has contributed much toward the welfare of the community.

JAMES MCKINNEY.

James McKinney, who for many years was actively and successfully connected with the farming and stock-raising interests of Licking county, is now living retired in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. He was born in a log house in Newton township, this county, April 14, 1831, his parents being Joseph and Elizabeth (Hopper) McKinney, who are mentioned on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of Josiah McKinney, a brother of our subject.

James McKinney obtained his education in the common schools and remained at home until the time of his marriage, October 6, 1868, subsequent to which important event in his life he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, cultivating a portion of the old homestead. Afterward he and his brother John purchased a tract of two hundred acres of land in this county and later divided it. He also has a fine residence in St. Louisville and now owns two hundred acres in his home farm. In addition to raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he

made a specialty of raising and feeding stock and his business interests were so carefully managed that annually his sales of grain and stock brought to him a good financial return. When his carefully-directed and untiring labor had netted him a comfortable competence he put aside the active work of the fields and is now spending his remaining days in richly merited ease, being well known and highly esteemed throughout the community as a prosperous, progressive and representative citizen.

October 6, 1868, Mr. McKinney was joined in wedlock to Miss Nancy E. McMullen, who was born in Illinois in 1818 and in early life accompanied her parents on their removal to Licking county. She was one of a family of five children, namely: Malissa, who is deceased; Andrew, a resident of this county; Mrs. McKinney; and Zula A. and Alcinda, both of whom have also passed away. Mr. and Mrs. McMullen have likewise been called to their final rest. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McKinney have been born five children, as follows: Clara B., at home; George J., deceased; Sarah E., the wife of Joseph Hall, who resides on his father-in-law's farm; Gertrude, at home; and William, who has passed away. There are likewise two grandchildren, Evart M. and Joseph L.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. McKinney has given his political allegiance to the men and measures of the democracy and has served his fellow townsmen in the position of supervisor. His wife and daughters are devoted members of the Lutheran church at Vanatta, in the work of which they are actively and helpfully interested. He has made his home in Licking county throughout his entire life, or for more than three-quarters of a century, and therefore enjoys a large acquaintance, and during that period has witnessed the many changes that have been wrought, as wild and unimproved land has been cultivated and developed, fine homes have been erected and thriving towns and villages have sprung into existence, until this is now one of the most prosperous sections in the great state of Ohio.

HARRY C. GIBSON.

Harry C. Gibson, who is successfully engaged in the cultivation and improvement of his farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Newton township, was born in Hancock, Houghton county, Michigan, on the 14th of August, 1878, his parents being John and Jerusha (Vanguyshing) Gibson. The father, whose birth occurred in Darlington, Durham county, England, March 5, 1831, learned the tailor's trade in early manhood and in 1856 crossed the Atlantic to the new world. After landing on American shores he followed his trade in many of the principal cities of the United States and Canada for several years and in 1861 took up his abode in Hancock, Michigan, where he was engaged in tailoring until the time of his demise. On the 25th of September, 1865, in Newton township, he wedded Miss Jerusha Vanguyshing, whose acquaintance he had formed while she was visiting friends in Hancock. She was a daughter of Jacob Vanguyshing, of Newton township, and a member of a prominent Dutch family widely and favorably known throughout the community in which they resided. Her birth occurred at Clifton Park, New York, June 10, 1811, and in 1850 she accompanied her parents on their

removal to Licking county. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Gibson established their home in Hancock, Michigan, where, as before stated, the father continued to reside until called to his final rest on the 20th of January, 1879. His death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret throughout the community, for he was not only a man of splendid business qualifications, excellent executive ability and public-spirited citizenship but also a loving husband, father and friend. He took a lively interest in the questions and issues of the day and was ever a stalwart advocate of the republican party, believing its principles most conducive to good government. Unto him and his wife were born three children, two of whom still survive, namely: Frank B.; and Harry C., of this review. Subsequent to the death of the father Mrs. Gibson and her children continued to reside in Hancock until 1886, which year witnessed their arrival in Newton township, the family home being established on the farm which is now owned and occupied by our subject.

Since attaining his majority Harry C. Gibson has operated the home farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he now owns and in the cultivation of which he has met with a gratifying and well-merited measure of prosperity. The fields indicate his careful supervision and practical methods, bringing forth rich crops as a reward for his labor.

In November, 1903, Mr. Gibson was united in marriage to Miss Elsie M. McKee, who was born in Knox county, Ohio, in 1881, her parents being Hendricks and Lydia (Carpenter) McKee, natives of Coshocton county, this state. Mr. and Mrs. McKee, whose family numbers five children, still survive and are residents of Knox county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gibson has been born one son, John McKee.

Mr. Gibson gives stanch allegiance to the men and measures of the republican party but has never sought nor desired office, preferring to devote his undivided attention to his private interests. Both he and his wife are devoted and faithful members of the English Lutheran church and he contributes liberally to various benevolent and religious enterprises, while all his deeds are actuated by the sentiment so beautifully expressed in the Golden Rule. He has won the favorable regard and friendship of all with whom he has come in contact throughout the long period of his residence here and, though still a young man, has already attained a degree of success that augurs well for a bright future.

EDWIN M. LARASON.

On the roster of county officials appears the name of Edwin M. Larason, who is now serving as deputy clerk of the courts at Newark. He was born in Bladensburg, Knox county, Ohio, July 24, 1873, his parents being Oliver C. and Willametta (Mercer) Larason, who were likewise natives of Ohio. The father has made an excellent record as public official, serving as clerk of the court of Licking county for two terms of three years each, from 1898 until 1904, after which he retired from office as he had entered it—with the confidence and good will of all concerned. He is now a candidate for clerk of the supreme court of Ohio.

Edwin M. Larason prepared for life's practical duties as a pupil in the graded and high school of Kirkersville, this county, where he graduated, and in the summer months he remained upon the home farm, assisting in the labors of field and

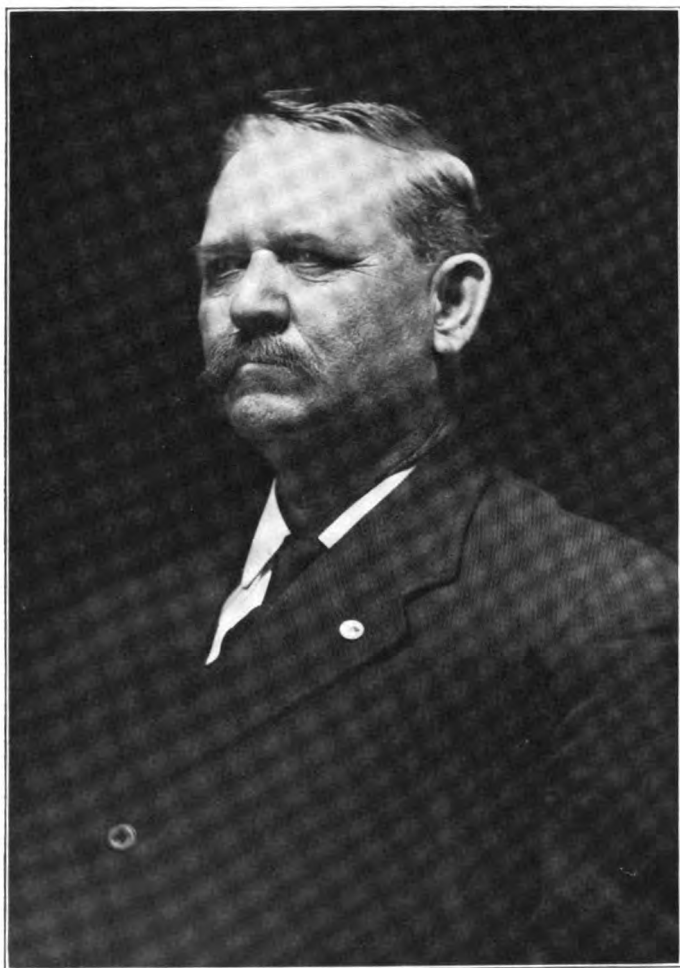
meadow. In early manhood he engaged in teaching school for eight years, and displayed good ability in impressing upon his pupils the knowledge that he had acquired. In 1900 he came to Newark and has since been deputy clerk of the court, now filling the position for eight years. In the summer of 1908 he was nominated as the candidate of the democratic party for the office of clerk of the court, without opposition, for which position his previous experience and excellent work in the office of deputy well qualified him, and he was elected by an unusually large majority.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Larason was married December 23, 1896, to Miss Bertha Harter, of Jacksontown, Ohio. They have one son living, Merrill, and a daughter deceased. Mr. Larason is a member of Hebron lodge No. 363 I. O. O. F., lodge No. 97 A. F. & A. M. and the Woodmen's Camp. He stands as an excellent type of the young man who realizes that there is no royal road to wealth or success, but appreciates fully that close application and unfaltering energy will win advancement. Through the exercise of these qualities he has worked his way upward and the record which he has made in office is a most commendable one. His good qualities are pronounced, and his friends are many, his social nature and genial spirit making him popular with those with whom he comes in contact.

JOHN B. HODGES.

John B. Hodges is today the oldest business man in Johnstown in years of continuous connection with its commercial and industrial interests. For thirty-two years he has put forth his efforts here for the attainment of a comfortable competence and has thus figured prominently in the business development of the city. He is today the owner of a well equipped planing mill and lumberyard, dealing extensively in building materials of all kinds. His life record is another proof of the fact that persistency of purpose and the wise use of every opportunity that comes are the chief features in honorable business advancement. He was born September 30, 1850, in Miller township, Knox county, Ohio, his parents being George H. and Catharine (Phinney) Hodges. The parents were both of New England origin, the father being a native of Massachusetts, while the mother's birth occurred in Vermont. They both came to Ohio with their respective parents when quite young and George H. Hodges in his youthful days learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for some time in connection with such other work as a new country afforded. Later, however, he entered land in Knox county and began farming, turning the first furrows upon his place and carrying on the work of general improvement for some years. In 1858 the family removed to McHenry county, Illinois, where they remained for nearly two years, Mr. Hodges giving his energies to general agricultural pursuits there. They then returned to Ohio and the mother died the same year.

John B. Hodges was the eldest of four children, three sons and a daughter. These children remained in Ohio with families by whom they were employed, while the father returned to Illinois, where he engaged in dealing in horses and other live stock for several years. In 1869, however, he returned to Homer, Lick-



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ing county, Ohio, where he established a sawmill. He was married again, his second union being with Julia A. Jones, a daughter of Nelson and Mary Jones of Licking county. For many years he was well known as an industrious and reliable citizen here, enjoying the good will of many friends.

Owing to his mother's death John B. Hodges was early thrown upon his own resources and in his youth experienced hardships and difficulties which do not usually fall to the lot of young boys. For two years he engaged in the sawmill business with his father and after the latter's return to Ohio, and then gave his attention to teaching school, which profession he followed for six years, being employed for two years of that time in Homer. His course has been marked by continuous progress, the result of constantly expanding business powers and broadening experience. He was married on the 25th of December, 1876, to Miss Mary Ellen Keckley, a daughter of Harvey and Harriet (Jones) Keckley, and also a teacher in the Homer schools. She died May 30, 1885.

Because of failing health Mr. Hodges gave up school teaching and again turned his attention to the manufacture of lumber, establishing a sawmill in 1877. Mr. Hodges was associated with W. H. Hardy when he came to Johnstown, under the firm name of Hardy & Hodges, buying a sawmill. The partnership continued until 1890, when he bought out his partner's interests. The following year expectation ran high here in regard to railroad building and the sawmill was removed to Johnstown, but the railroad did not materialize at that time and for two years the mill, which was a portable one, was moved from place to place. When the railroad finally came in 1881, the sawmill was again located in Johnstown and contracts entered into with the railroad construction contractors for large quantities of timber for bridges and other purposes. Mr. Hodges is a man of enterprise, push and determination, and the business grew. As he prospered in the operation of his sawmill he also extended the scope of his activities by becoming owner of a lumberyard and also a coal yard. About this time he likewise conducted a grist mill for two years in connection with his other interests which they had leased. Johnstown was proving a good business town and he decided to locate permanently. He therefore bought land and erected a stationary sawmill, put in railway switches to give him good shipping facilities and prepared to still further enlarge his business. The grist mill was disposed of and his entire energies were concentrated upon the operation of the sawmill and the handling of its products. A stock of lumber of all kinds was added, together with building materials and soon a planing mill was built and the business was increased to include dressed lumber, sash, doors, blinds and all materials necessary for the construction of a building. Mr. Hodges was the first man to engage in this line of business in Johnstown and is the only man in business here today that has remained in active connection with industrial and commercial circles for thirty-two years. He is the pioneer in his line and not one of his contemporaries of three decades ago now remain in active business. There is not a house in Johnstown for which Mr. Hodges has not furnished the material to build or to remodel and many of them he has contracted to build and finish. As the years have passed he has met with gratifying prosperity, owing to his straightforward business methods, his close application and his unfaltering spirit of enterprise. From the beginning he has continued in the same line, only increasing

his business in its scope and capacity. He furnishes everything that enters into the construction of a building, even to the glass, hardware and paints and he is thoroughly conversant with the trade in every department. He is justly accounted one of Licking county's most energetic and progressive business men, who carefully formulates his plans, and is determined in their execution and overcomes obstacles and difficulties by energetic, persistent and honorable effort.

Mr. Hodges was married the second time, September 22, 1886, to Miss Mary H. Trowbridge of Chesterville, Morrow county, Ohio, a daughter of Eliphalet A. and Angaline Trowbridge, the oldest of a family of ten children, six boys and four girls, all of whom are living except one boy who died in infancy. She was born near Appleton, Ohio, January 25, 1859, and went with her parents in early childhood to Utica where they resided until her fourteenth year when the family moved to a farm near Chesterville, Ohio, where she lived until her marriage. Mr. Trowbridge was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in 1862 in Company A, First Ohio Cavalry, in which company he served faithfully until the close of the war. He died January 31, 1899, in Chesterville, Ohio, while his widow still survives, living with her children in Fredericktown, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Hodges have two children, a son and a daughter. The son, Holland C., was for several years a prominent educator, and at the age of twenty-three years held a life certificate. He has now given up teaching, however, and is editor of the Observer, at Prairie Depot, Ohio. He married Miss Augusta Phillips of Sycamore, Wood county, Ohio. The daughter, Harriet Beatrice, is bookkeeper in her father's office and is a capable business woman.

Mr. Hodges is a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge, at Johnstown, and is foremost in many good works. He is particularly active in support of the temperance movement and is the recognized local leader in temperance organizations and campaigns. His political allegiance is unfalteringly given to the republican party and he is active in every thing that has for its object the public good. Every movement relating to the welfare of his city awakens his interest and in many cases receives his earnest endorsement. His judgment in public matters is held in high esteem and he has served as a member of the village council. At the present time he is a member of the board of public service. He has also acted for several terms as a member of the board of education. Progress and patriotism might well be termed the keynote of his character and have been manifest in his social and public relations as well as in his business affairs.

HECTOR DEAN ASHBROOK.

Hector Dean Ashbrook is numbered among the prosperous business men of Pataskala, where he engages in the hay and grain trade and at the same time in buying and shipping live stock, his enterprise being of such proportions as to make him a leading factor in the commercial life of the community. Johnstown, Ohio, is his birthplace and there he entered this life November 27, 1846. In 1810 his great-grandfather, Eli Ashbrook, settled in this part of the county, where he pursued general agriculture, at the same time ministering as a clergyman of the old

school Baptist church to nearby congregations. On the farm upon which he located he spent his remaining days. In his family were fourteen children, including Hiram Ashbrook, who was born near Johnstown and wedded Sarah Ann Jewett, a native of that place. In 1876 they removed to Pataskala, where, through his industry and enterprise he became the owner of a valuable tract of land of three hundred acres on which he spent his remaining days, dying in September, 1879, in his fifty-ninth year, while his widow survived him by thirteen years, passing away January 20, 1893, in her seventy-second year. In their family were seven children, namely: Albert, who died when seven years of age; Hiram Munson; Mrs. Helen Clark, who lives in Marshalltown, Iowa; Omer D., who also resides there; Alice, deceased; Minnie D., a resident of Marshalltown; and David Guy, deceased.

Hiram Munson Ashbrook, father of the subject of this review, was reared near Johnstown, where his birth occurred May 18, 1850. There during his boyhood days he engaged in the duties of the farm, during the winter season availing himself of the educational advantages of the neighboring schools. After completing his studies he still continued farming pursuits and became a well known stock-dealer of this part of the county, his business having reached such proportions that in 1890 he had one thousand dollars worth of stock, at the same time carrying on an extensive wool-buying business and dealing largely in grain. He also became owner of the old original claim of his father. He passed away in December, 1891, and is survived by his widow, born September 20, 1849, who still resides in the old homestead. She is a daughter of William Bishop, who came from New Jersey to this county in 1826, when eight years of age in company with his parents, his father having departed this life shortly after his arrival. He now lives near Johnstown, where he still retains a measure of health and vigor in his ninetieth year. To his daughter, Anna M., who wedded Hiram Ashbrook, were born seven children: Perry M.; Charles Albert, an agriculturist near Johnstown, who died in March, 1908, leaving a widow and five children; Hector Dean; Mary Alice, who became the wife of J. Clyde Montgomery and passed away February 2, 1896, leaving one child; Abbie Estelle, who died December 28, 1905; Byron W., who lives on a farm near Johnstown; and Alva H., a railroad brakeman residing in Columbus, Ohio.

Hector Dean Ashbrook resided on the home farm until he was twenty-two years of age, during his boyhood days attending the village schools of Johnstown, where he acquired his preliminary education and subsequently completed a three years' course of study in Doane Academy at Granville. He next engaged in the hay and grain business at Alexandria, with his brother Perry Munson Ashbrook, with whom he remained for two years, the firm being known as Ashbrook Brothers, and in 1901 the partnership was dissolved and he established himself in the same business in Pataskala and since inaugurating the venture his volume of trade has so increased that in 1908 his receipts amounted to something over fifty thousand dollars. He does an extensive shipping business in hay, grain, seeds and farm products, doing a large business here and in Johnstown, at both places having large warehouses, which he always keeps well stocked, in readiness to supply the demands of his constantly increasing trade.

On November 22, 1904, Mr. Ashbrook wedded Georgiana Spelman, a native of St. Albans township and the daughter of Henry and Emma (Van Ness) Spelman, her father being deceased while her mother resides in Alexandria. This union has been blessed with three children: Ross, whose birth occurred September 4, 1905; and

twins, Louis Munson and Laura Belle, born March 14, 1909. Mr. Ashbrook is a strong supporter of the republican party, the principles of which his experience has taught him are in the highest measure adequate and serviceable to place the finances of the country upon a solid basis and to maintain the nation's permanent peace and, while he is not an active politician and does not aspire to public preferment, he is sufficiently interested in the affairs of his party to use not only his vote but also his influence during campaigns to secure the election of its candidates. He belongs to the Presbyterian church, in which he is an active worker. In all matters of citizenship he is public-spirited, giving loyal support to measures vital to the general welfare, while his business activity has placed him among the leading and representative men of the community.

WILLIAM W. SPELLMAN.

William W. Spellman is now living retired in Granville but for a considerable period was closely identified with agricultural interests and through his unfaltering labor and well directed energy won the prosperity that now enables him to put aside the more active and ardent cares of business life. He was born August 23, 1840, in St. Albans township, his parents being George and Jane (Lansing) Spellman. His paternal grandparents were Thomas and Miriam (Clark) Spellman, the former a son of Timothy Spellman, who arrived in Licking county in 1805 with the colony that came from Granville, Massachusetts, and founded the village of Granville, Ohio. Thus for more than a century the family has figured in public life and business interests of this part of the state, and the name has ever been a synonym for progress and improvement as manifest in individual affairs and in public interests. The father of our subject was killed in a sawmill in St. Albans township in 1855. Unto Mr. and Mrs. George Spellman were born six children: William W.; Mary, the wife of Israel Wilson, of Granville; Ellen Jane, who departed this life in 1866; Susan, the wife of Howard M. Sedgwick; Anna Louisa, the wife of Cyrus Wilson; and Georgiana, the wife of Charles McMillan of Iowa.

In the district schools William W. Spellman acquired his early education and later had the opportunity of attending Denison University, where he pursued his studies from 1858 until 1861. He afterward engaged in teaching for a term but the country became involved in the Civil war and the spirit of patriotism constrained him to offer his services to the government and put aside business and personal interests. Therefore on the 3d of September, 1861, he enlisted and was assigned to duty with Company D, Twenty-second Ohio Infantry. He served with that command for eleven months and was then discharged because of disability.

Following his return home, Mr. Spellman resumed the profession of teaching, which he followed for two years and then rented a farm, which he cultivated for two years. In the meantime he had become owner of a little place here and selling it, removed to Illinois in 1865, following both farming and teaching in that state. He continued a resident of Illinois for seven years and in 1872 returned to Licking county, where he resumed agricultural life. He was again engaged in teaching from 1876 until 1882, after which he purchased a truck farm, which he carried on with growing success for twenty-five years, or until 1907. In that year he retired

from active business life, for his labors in previous years had brought him a substantial competence sufficient to supply him with all of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. He is now living in Granville, where he has a comfortable home and his rest is well merited.

Mr. Spellman has been married twice. In 1862 he wedded Miss Laura Wartenbe, who died ten years later, leaving four children: George, who resides in Cleveland; Lorinda; Alma, the wife of Rev. William Keis; and Clarence, living in New Mexico. In 1883 Mr. Spellman was again married, his second union being with Miss Jane A. Griffith, a daughter of Griffith W. and Anna (Weeks) Griffith, both of whom were natives of the state of New York and came to Ohio in 1814. Their family numbered four children: Ann M., the wife of Charles Barrett, a resident of Licking county; Jane A., now Mrs. Spellman; Mary E., deceased; and William W., of Granville.

In his political views Mr. Spellman has always been a staunch republican, interested in the growth and success of the party, for he believes its platform contains the best elements of good government. He belongs to the Baptist church at Granville and his life is in harmony with his professions. In all of his business dealings he has been straightforward and in every relation of life in which he has been found he has been true to honorable manly principles.

THOMAS ALGEO.

Thomas Algeo, deceased, was for a long period an active and honorable representative of the farming interests of Licking county. He was widely known as an energetic and active representative of agricultural life and in his business dealings was ever found reliable and trustworthy. His birth occurred in Washington county, Pennsylvania, March 15, 1831, his parents being Robert and Sarah (Cockins) Algeo. The father spent his entire life in Pennsylvania but the mother afterward came to Ohio and passed her last days in this state, living among her children. In the family were four sons and three daughters: John, Elizabeth, Vincent, Margaret, Sarah and Robert, twins, and Thomas.

The last named spent the days of his boyhood and youth in the state of his nativity and pursued his education in the public schools there. When fourteen years of age he began learning the cabinet maker's trade, which he followed until he took up his abode upon the farm that is now the property of his widow. He was only a year old when his father died and at an early age was thrown upon his own resources and made his way in the world unaided from that time until his death, so that whatever success he achieved or enjoyed was attributable entirely to his energy and perseverance. He made several visits to Ohio in his youthful days to see his relatives in Muskingum and Guernsey counties and when about twenty years of age he joined his brothers, John, Vincent and Robert, in this state, the last named being a physician who for many years practiced medicine in Kirkersville, Ohio. On coming to Ohio Thomas Algeo secured a tract of land and for nearly a half century remained on the farm which he developed and improved. He began with only ninety-one acres of land but prospered in his undertakings and later purchased

three other farms for his children. He always retained possession of his original ninety-one acres and at his death left this to his widow. His brother John was the first of the family to come to Licking county, at which time he bought two hundred acres of timberland and subsequently he sold one hundred acres of this to Thomas Algeo. John Algeo also established and operated a sawmill and admitted his brother Thomas to a partnership so that for a number of years they operated the sawmill together. In his farm work Mr. Algeo of this review made a specialty of raising sheep and always had good flocks upon his place. He was energetic and persevering and manifested a progressive spirit in all that he undertook to do.

On the 28th of February, 1856, Mr. Algeo was married to Miss Margaret Jane Moore, who was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, March 9, 1831, and came to Licking county, when about twenty years of age with her parents, Thomas and Mary (Elliott) Moore. The mother was a native of Ireland and was brought to the new world when ten years of age. The father was born in this country of Irish parentage and their last days were spent on their farm on the Columbus road in Harrison township. They had five children: John, now deceased; Mrs. Katharine Patten; Mrs. Algeo; James and Robert, who are both deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Algeo were born three children: Robert, who married Nora Thomas and is now living in Harrison township near his mother's home; Flora, who died at the age of twenty-five years; and Thomas Elton, who wedded Armina Belle Thomas, and has also a farm near his mother's place. He has one son, Charles.

In his political views Thomas Algeo was a stalwart republican but never sought office as a reward for party fealty. During the greater part of his life he held membership in the Christian church, which he joined in early manhood. His religious faith was a guiding principle throughout all his years and as an upright and honorable man, he was known to his fellow townsmen, who appreciated his sterling worth and gave to him high esteem.

ROBERT J. THOMAS.

Robert J. Thomas, who all his life has been connected with the farming interests of Licking county and now owns a large farm in Lima township, descends from a family whose members were among the early settlers of this region, his paternal grandparents having been David and Mary (Reese) Thomas, natives of Wales, who came to this country at an early date, here spending the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Thomas was a daughter of Theophilus Reese, who in company with Samuel Phillips purchased two thousand acres of land in the Welsh hills, where they established a Welsh colony and induced emigration to that place from their native country. Among the children of David Thomas was Samuel Thomas, whose birth occurred in Pennsylvania in 1800 and who was united in marriage with Katharine Jones, a native of Montgomeryshire, Wales, born in 1799. When a young woman, she came to Licking county and her death occurred on a farm in Harrison township in 1865. In 1802 when he was in his second year Samuel Thomas was brought to the Welsh hills by his parents and was living with his son-in-law, near Johnstown, this county, when he departed this life, July 18, 1877. He owned about

two hundred and fifty acres of land in Harrison township, upon which he put all the improvements, and there he spent his life in general farming and stock-raising. In his family were seven children, namely: Jerusha, who wedded George Avery, both now deceased; Maria, deceased, wife of William Jones; Ellis, who resides in Alexandria; Robert J.; Ann, who wedded Andrew Hicks, both of whom are deceased, she having departed this life at the home of her brother, Robert J., in September, 1905; Charles, and Edwin, who have passed away.

Robert J. Thomas was born in the Welsh hills, Granville township, this county, May 28, 1830, and five years later removed to Harrison township with his parents and there spent his boyhood days on the farm, in the meantime acquiring his education at the district schools. He remained at home until his marriage, and, on April 1, 1859, he bought the farm he now owns in Lima township, where he has since resided. His farm consists of one hundred and fifty-two acres, situated one mile north of Pataskala on the Harrison township line. It is known as the "Sycamore Grove Farm," and its rich soil makes it one of the most desirable pieces of property in the township for farming purposes. Here he has the latest improved machinery and equipments with which to carry on his work according to modern methods. The first residence in which he lived was one of a gothic type of architecture and upon its destruction by fire he built his present dwelling in 1891, which is considered as fine a residence as there is in the vicinity. In addition to engaging in general farming Mr. Thomas has also paid considerable attention to stock-raising and in his time has raised many head of sheep and cattle which he shipped to various parts of the state.

In Harrison township, on February 25, 1858, Mr. Thomas wedded Mary Chadwick, daughter of Cyrus and Ann Eliza (Nichols) Chadwick, he having been born in New Hampshire, October 1, 1800, and his wife in New Jersey, September 27, 1813. They came here in the years 1830 and 1819, respectively, and both departed this life on their farm in Harrison township, Mr. Chadwick's death occurring May 10, 1870, his wife surviving him by twelve years, her demise occurring August 1, 1882. In their family were five children, namely: Mary; Charles, who died in his eleventh year; Albert, who resides in Washington; Byron, of Pataskala; and Sarah A., who departed this life in 1897. Mrs. Thomas was born in Harrison township, September 3, 1835. To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have been born: Charles, who had been connected with the Central Ohio Paper Company, of Columbus, and passed away in his fortieth year; Frederick N., who is affiliated with the same company, and resides in Westerville, Ohio; Katharine, wife of David O. Evans; C. B., of Westerville, Ohio, who is a traveling salesman for the Central Ohio Paper Company; and Ellis, who resides on the old Thomas farm in Harrison township.

In politics Mr. Thomas is a republican, having voted for John C. Fremont, the first republican candidate, and has since been loyal to the principles of his party. He has been quite active in the affairs of the township and served a number of terms as trustee, and throughout his career has always been public-spirited and favored the promotion of all measures purposed to advance the general welfare of the community. During his long career he has never permitted the pressure of business affairs to usurp the time required for the performance of his religious obligations and he has always attended divine services at the Wesley Methodist church, of which he is a liberal supporter. Mr. Thomas is a man who has so lived as to preserve his character above reproach, and now in his seventy-ninth year he may

look back over a well spent life and inasmuch as he has always been a zealous Christian, striving according to his power to disseminate the truth of the gospel to the moral and spiritual betterment of the community, he may look forward in his declining years for the dawning of the morning of joy.

CHARLES WELLS.

Charles Wells, well known as a sheep breeder and real estate dealer in Harrison township, was born on his present farm, which is located on the Johnstown road a quarter of a mile south of Outville, Harrison township, on April 16, 1849. His great-great-grandfather, George Wells, was of Scotch-Irish parentage, the family having emigrated from Scotland and settled in New York at an early date. Part of the family located in Virginia, and one son in Wellsville, Ohio, which city was laid out by him, and another son settled in the northwest. His grandparents, Joseph and Polly Wells, came here before the county was incorporated and located in the woods, at that time the entire region being covered with thick forest. He purchased a large tract of land, some of which he later disposed of, and spent his entire life here, his death having occurred in 1861, when he was in his eighty-eighth year. Although he disposed of the greater portion of his property he retained two hundred acres on which he pursued general farming, and in his day Zanesville, thirty miles distant, was his nearest market. In his family were Peter, Samuel, Joseph, George, William, John (who went to Oregon during the '50s), Katherine and Elizabeth, all the children having remained in Licking and Fairfield counties but one.

Charles Wells was a son of William and Mary (Zeller) Wells, his father having been born April 27, 1816, on a farm about three miles east of here in what is now known as Union township, but which at that time was part of Fairfield county. There he spent his entire life, following agriculture and also breeding stock to some extent. He cultivated an excellent tract of land, all of which he cleared and upon which he made all necessary improvements, erecting his dwelling house, barn, out-buildings and fences. He was an active member in the Presbyterian church and was one of the founders of the Kirkersville church of that denomination, the latter organization having later removed to Outville. Widely known for his high moral qualities, he was particularly prominent in church circles inasmuch as he devoted a great deal of his attention to religion and to the promotion of the various interests of the congregation, and also was a leading factor in advancing the moral and spiritual welfare of the community. He died in 1890, in his seventy-fourth year. His wife, Mary Zeller, a daughter of Peter and Mary (Smith) Zeller, natives of Pennsylvania, who departed this life in this county, was born near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in 1821 and came to Ohio with her parents about 1836, settling near Columbus and later removing to Etna township, this county, where she resided until her marriage. She passed away February 7, 1909, at the home of her son Charles. The Zellers trace their ancestry back to King William, of Germany, the name originally having been Howenzeller, but when the family came to the new world they changed the spelling. In their family were two sons: Alfred, who departed this life in 1905, leaving six children; and Charles.

Mr. Wells has been twice united in marriage, first in 1878 to Narcissus A. Brown, a daughter of James and Martha Brown, who died three years after her marriage. In 1906 he wedded Marilla Glinn, a native of Johnstown, this county, and a daughter of Nathaniel and Harriett (Miller) Glinn, both of whom were natives of this county where they departed this life. To the republican party Mr. Wells has always been loyal, inasmuch as a thorough study of its principles have convinced him that they contain those policies best suited to developing the natural resources of the country and give impetus to financial enterprises, and although he is not an active politician he does all he can by his vote and influence at elections to place the candidates of his party in office. He is a man who entertains a high sense of religion and its benefits to mankind and attends divine services at the Presbyterian church, in the affairs of which he is quite active and of which he is a liberal supporter. His noble character has been such as to command the respect and confidence of all his acquaintances, and he is acknowledged as one of the substantial and valued citizens of the township.

CHARLES M. STINSON.

Charles M. Stinson, a substantial farmer and representative citizen of Burlington township, and a man who has taken considerable interest in politics in the county, was born on the farm where he now resides February 24, 1861, a son of Archibald and Nancy S. (Gillespie) Stinson. His father, who for many years was actively engaged as an agriculturist and who is now enjoying the fruits of his toil in retirement, was born in New Jersey, December 29, 1820, and was the son of Joseph and Mary (Garrison) Stinson, both of whom were natives of New Jersey and came to this county in the year 1832 locating on the farm which he now owns. He is the only surviving member of a family of four children. His father passed away in the year 1843, his wife surviving him seven years. Archibald Stinson during his boyhood passed through the usual experiences common to farmers' sons and his early life was spent in the usual uneventful manner of those reared amid the peaceful surroundings of rural life. During the winter season he attended the district school, in this instance an old log cabin which will long be remembered by those who were enrolled there as pupils, and having acquired his education still continued to perform his labors, in company with his father, on the old home place. Here he remained without intermission and early and late assisted his parents in the various duties incidental to agriculture. Upon the death of his parents he purchased the old homestead and its surrounding acreage and labored incessantly as long as his energy and vitality would permit, and now at the advanced age of eighty-nine years is enjoying as best he can the comforts of his hard earned toil. In the year 1856 he wedded Miss Nancy S. Gillespie, whose birth occurred in Licking county in 1830 and, who after a happy domestic life of forty-five years, passed away, October 10, 1901. She had a family of six children, namely: Archie N., who resides in Crawford county, Ohio; Charles M.; and four deceased. Mr. Stinson is well known throughout the county as a man of sterling qualities, good judgment and high moral character, and during his long years of active life has lived in such a way as to command the respect of all with whom he has come in contact and now

in his declining years can look backward with gratification upon the life he has lived, and forward into eternity with confidence that his well spent life will not fall short of a joyful immortality. In politics he has always given his allegiance to the democratic party and served the community for two terms as trustee of the township. It has been some time since he has taken active interest in the affairs of his farm owing to his advancing years, but he is still enjoying a great measure of health and vigor.

Charles M. Stinson was reared on the farm where his birth occurred and in connection with assisting his father in the general routine work he attended the district school where he received his early education. On completing his studies there he attended the Utica high school, after graduating from which he also spent some time in study at Ada, Ohio. Upon completing his education he returned to the old homestead and assisted in the cultivation of the farm. In the year 1887, he was united in marriage with Miss Eva Beaver, daughter of the late William Beaver, of Knox county. After a bridal trip he returned to the old homestead with his wife and continued his agricultural pursuits in company with his father until about the year 1898, when the elder Mr. Stinson, having attained an advanced age, felt disposed to spend the remainder of his life in retirement, and consequently placed the farm under the management of his son. Since then Mr. Stinson has devoted his time and attention to general farming, in which he has met with a full measure of success and amassed means with which to purchase several other valuable tracts of land, which he keeps under cultivation in connection with the old home place. About 1896 he purchased a farm containing sixty acres in McKean township which he has extensively improved and kept under cultivation. Mr. Stinson takes great pride in his farm, employs modern methods in working his lands and has equipped his place with all modern machinery necessary to make agriculture in the highest degree remunerative.

Mr. Stinson is liberal in his political views and while he is a democrat and leans more toward the principles of that party than of those of other political cults, he does not consider himself bound by party ties as he is of the opinion that in politics a man should be free from coercion and, thinking more of the character of the candidate than of the party to which he belongs, he should judge candidly the qualifications possessed by office seekers and cast his vote for the man whom in his judgment will to the best advantage serve the interests of the commonwealth. In 1907 he was elected as a member of the board of trustees of the township, and in this capacity renders excellent service. He belongs to Centennial Grange, No. 1682, Patrons of Husbandry, in which organization he takes deep interest.

R. C. BIGBEE.

R. C. Bigbee, a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Richland county, Ohio, February 4, 1849. He was therefore but a boy when he entered the service and yet his loyalty and valor were equal to that of many a veteran of twice his years. His father, George Bigbee, was a native of Virginia and he was brought to Ohio in 1810 by his father, John Bigbee, who settled in Knox county. There his son

was reared who, after his marriage, removed to Richland county where he took up the occupation of farming, being for many years closely identified with the work of tilling the soil there. He continued to live on the old home place until his death which occurred in 1881 when he was seventy-seven years of age. He had married Susan Shaffer, a native of Pennsylvania, who had gone to Mansfield, Ohio, with her parents in pioneer times. Her natal year was 1811 and in 1885 she was called to her final rest.

R. C. Bigbee was educated in the country schools of Richland county, and with patriotic ardor he responded to his country's call for troops when only fifteen years of age, joining the Union army as a member of the One Hundred and Forty Seventh Ohio Infantry. He did service in the vicinity of Richmond and Petersburg and was mustered out in 1864. He then resumed his interrupted studies but in the spring of 1865 he once more enlisted, serving in the army of the Cumberland until after the close of hostilities.

When the country no longer needed his military aid, Mr. Bigbee returned to Richland county and learned the carpenter's trade which he followed for several years. He worked hard and gained a start in life. In 1881 he turned his attention to the distillery business in Richland county where he remained until 1895 when he came to Newark. In 1905 he was elected city treasurer and held that office for two years.

In 1876 Mr. Bigbee was married to Miss Alice Hildebrand and following her death Mr. Bigbee was again married in 1887, his second wife being Susie Acton. He has one son by his first marriage, Alzura, and one by the second marriage, Cecil. Mr. Bigbee gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is a stalwart advocate of its principles. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to Lemmert Post G. A. R., and has the distinction of being the only man ever reelected commander of Lemert Post.

DAVID V. BLINE.

A well improved farm comprising one hundred and five acres, situated in Newton township, is the home of David V. Bline, who is today numbered among the substantial agriculturists of this section of Licking county. He was born in this county July 29, 1839, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth Bline, mention of whom is made on another page of this volume. The son remained under the parental roof until he had reached the age of twenty-two years, during which time he was reared to farm labor and acquired his education in the common schools. It was about that time in his life that he was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. McCoy, who was born in Licking county, November 10, 1842, a daughter of Mathew and Margaret (Gates) McCoy, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, whence they removed to Licking county in the '40s. The family of Mr. and Mrs. McCoy numbered eight children and both the parents are now deceased.

Following his marriage Mr. Bline rented the old Keller farm, which he operated for eighteen years. During this time he carefully saved his earnings and at

length felt justified in making a purchase of land, thus becoming owner of fifty-three acres in Newton township. As he prospered in his undertakings he added to his landed possessions until his property now embraces one hundred and five acres. He has made many improvements on the place, in the way of substantial buildings, while his fields have been placed under a high state of cultivation and annually yield abundant harvests.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Bline has been blessed with eight children: Willis J., who is an engineer in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, with headquarters at Newark; Hezekiah, who resides at Chatham, this county; Frank D., at home; Della C., the wife of C. A. Holler, a resident of Newark; Rovenia, the wife of Clinton McKinney, of Newton township; John, of Vanatta, who wedded Miss Louise Kirkpatrick, who was born in Knox county, their family numbering seven children; Bessie M., the wife of Henry Wilkin of Licking county; and Fred C., of Chatham. The wife and mother departed this life March 23, 1901, her remains being interred in Wilson cemetery.

Mr. Bline supports the men and measures of democracy and has served as township treasurer. He has met obstacles and difficulties in his path but these have been overcome through honest, earnest effort and he is now one of the substantial citizens of Newton township.

M. W. YOAKAM.

M. W. Yoakam, who is now living retired after many years of hard and honest toil as an agriculturist in Burlington township, is a native of West Virginia, where he was born August 25, 1825. Some time ago he relinquished the plow and left the active duties of husbandry to those who are yet blessed with youth and vigor, and at the ripe age of eighty-four years is now enjoying the fruits of his earnest labor. He was a son of Jacob and Jane (Womsley) Yoakam, both of whom were natives of West Virginia, in which state they lie buried. Of a family of twelve children but four survive, namely: Jane, who resides in West Virginia; William, of Allen county, Ohio; Jacob, who lives in West Virginia; and M. W.

When a boy in his native state Mr. Yoakam attended the district school, where he obtained his education, and then engaged in the active duties of farm life on the old home place. There he remained until 1847 when he came to this county and for a period of two years hired out as a farm hand. The opportunities for farming being extensive and grain and live stock being in pressing demand he felt confident that he could engage in agriculture for himself and out of it derive satisfactory recompense. Ceasing to work as a wage earner he rented a farm, which he immediately began to cultivate and met with such success as to enable him to lay by sufficient money with which to purchase seventy-five acres of excellent land in Knox county, upon which he lived for a period of three years and then disposed of his property to great advantage. After making the sale he did not invest in property for some time, but rented a farm which he cultivated for a period of four years. He then purchased the farm on which he is now located. The tract of land Mr. Yoakam now has under cultivation contains two hundred and fifty-one acres, which

he has improved to such an extent as to make his farm among the very best in the county for the cultivation of all kinds of grain. In addition to a comfortable residence his place is supplied with excellent barns and sheds, with machinery and all conveniences requisite to carry on agriculture according to the most modern methods. During his active career as an agriculturist he engaged more or less in everything pertaining to farming, with a special attention to raising and feeding stock.

In the year 1858 Mr. Yoakam was united in marriage with Miss Esther Weaver, who was born on their present farm and was one of a family of seven children, of whom she is the only one surviving. Mr. and Mrs. Yoakam have been blessed with four children, namely: Mary E., wife of William Moore; George W.; Charles N., deceased; and John F. Mr. and Mrs. Yoakam have long since given up active life and are now living in pleasant retirement on the farm where they settled many years ago and which bears evidence of their unwearied toil, patience and energy. While the vigor and ambition of youth was theirs they worked with unabating zeal, providently bearing in mind the days when they should reach the evening of life, and day by day setting aside something of their earnings, thus gradually increasing their savings until now they are able to spend their declining years amid the gratifying comforts which are the outcome of their former toil. They are both adherents of the Christian church, of which they have for many years been members so living in the observance of their religious duties as not to fear when the summons comes to call them to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns.

JUDGE E. M. P. BRISTER.

Judge E. M. P. Brister is a great-grandson of General Rufus Putnam, of the Revolutionary war, who settled the State of Ohio, at Marietta, April 7, 1788, his mother being a granddaughter of Gen. Putnam. Judge Brister was born in Cadiz, Harrison, county, Ohio, June 26, 1850. His father, M. P. Brister, who was a well-known and talented journalist, came with his family to Newark in 1852, and died in 1856, leaving the subject of this sketch fatherless at the age of six years. By the death of his father, young Brister was compelled, when a boy, to supplement his mother's heroic exertions to maintain herself and child, Mrs. C. P. Brister conducting her husband's newspaper with great ability for three years.

"Put" Brister, as he was generally called, began his life's labor when only eight years old, as a newsboy. When fourteen years old, he entered the office of the "Licking Record" to learn the printing trade. When seventeen years old, he, with L. F. Tenney, started a job printing office which the two carried on for three years. But Mr. Brister had long cherished the resolution of obtaining a classical education and in 1870 he bought Mr. Tenney's interest in the little printing office and removed it to Granville, the seat of Denison University.

There he entered upon the arduous undertaking of working his way through a six years' college course, at the same time supporting himself and his invalid mother. He did his studying at night and morning, studying until eleven o'clock at night and getting up to study at four o'clock in the morning. In this way he completed the six years' classical course, graduating from Denison University with

high honors in 1877. Part of his course he took in Wooster University, Wayne county, Ohio, where he also moved his printing office. In the spring of 1878, Mr. Brister began to read law, and was admitted to the bar in 1880.

Judge Brister is a life-long democrat, and has been a hard and faithful party worker all his life. Some twenty-five years ago he began making campaign speeches for the democratic party, since which time his services, both as a campaign and public speaker, have been in constant demand, both in his county and throughout the state. He has also done good service on campaign clubs and committees and has always been liberal with his time and such means as he had, whenever the party needed them.

E. M. P. Brister was elected probate judge of Licking county in 1890 and served one term of three years with entire satisfaction, but was defeated for his second term in the landslide of 1893. He was again elected to the office of probate judge in 1905 and reelected to a second term of four years in 1908, which he is now serving, receiving a majority of 1,879, the largest majority ever received by a county officer in this county. Judge Brister has made quite a reputation for himself in the juvenile court work, to which he is devoted and in which he has accomplished much good for the children and the community. He began public speaking when a mere boy only sixteen years old, which he has continued ever since, making addresses upon all topics in different parts of the country. He has also acquired considerable reputation as a song writer and writer of poems. Judge Brister became a member of the First Presbyterian church of this city when he was only sixteen years old, in which membership he has continued ever since. He has been a member of the city board of education, the county board of examiners, is past president of the Ohio Society, S. A. R. He is also a Mason, an Elk, a Knight of Pythias, a Woodman, and a Knight of the Ancient Essenic Order, besides belonging to the ladies auxiliaries of the above orders.

MORGAN FAUSETT.

A well improved and highly cultivated farm of one hundred acres, situated in Madison township, Licking county, has been the home of Morgan Fausett since 1906. He is a native son of the Buckeye state, his birth having occurred in Knox county, July 13, 1845, his parents being Samuel and Elizabeth (Hayes) Fausett, both of whom were natives of Knox county, where they spent their entire lives.

Morgan Fausett was reared to the pursuits of agricultural life, his boyhood and youth being spent on the home farm in Knox county, while in the common schools of that section he acquired his education. When he reached maturity the home farm, comprising three hundred and seventy acres of land, came into his possession and he retained the ownership until 1885, when he disposed of the property and removed to Kansas, where he invested his money in six hundred acres of farm land in Ness county. After eighteen months spent thereon, however, he traded the land for three hundred acres in Wayne county, Illinois, on which he took up his abode and made his home for four years. During this time he also engaged in the real-estate business. In this undertaking he met with excellent



HOME OF MORGAN FAUSETT.

success, his sales far exceeding those of any of his competitors. In six months' time he disposed of over two hundred thousand dollars worth of property. In 1896 he suffered a twenty-two thousand dollar loss by fire and then returned to Knox county, Ohio, and for two years engaged in the grocery business at Mount Zion. On the expiration of that period, in 1898, he removed to Newark, where for eight years he conducted a boarding house. During the years that have come and gone he has carefully managed his business affairs and to some extent retrieved his losses, so that in 1906 he found himself in possession of a capital sufficient to invest in one hundred acres of land in Madison township, whereon he has since made his home. He carries on general farming and in his undertakings is meeting with a full measure of success, for his fields annually yield good crops of grain, for which he finds a ready sale on the market.

In 1864 Mr. Fausett was united in marriage to Miss Lydia C. Wolf, a resident of Knox county, and their marriage has been blessed with nine children, of whom two are deceased, the surviving members being: Linza L., of Knox county; Lilly, the wife of White Elliott, also of Knox county; Frank M., who makes his home in Newark; Cleveland, at home; Lola, the wife of Charles Dover, a resident of Coshocton, this state; Anna, the wife of Ed Harris, a resident of Newark; and Cora, the wife of Atwood Hilliard, also of this city.

A democrat in principle and practice, Mr. Fausett is a public-spirited citizen, ever ready to assist in any worthy movement calculated to benefit the community. Having spent the greater part of his life in Knox and Licking counties, he is well known in both sections and commands the esteem of all with whom he is brought into contact.

GEORGE U. WELLS.

George U. Wells, who is meeting with splendid success in general farming and stock-raising in Harrison township, was born March 17, 1868, on the old homestead, which he now occupies and which is located on the line between this and Etna township, one mile west of Kirkersville. His paternal grandparents were George and Mary (Essex) Wells. The grandfather applied himself to agricultural pursuits on this farm, at the same time cultivating a tract of land of thirty acres located near the Disciple church on York street, making his residence on the latter. He was a man highly revered for his excellent Christian character, was a deep Bible student and affiliated himself with that denomination of Christians known as Disciples of Christ, because he deemed the interpretation of the scriptures by that organization the best expression of Christian truth and also by reason of the fact that in his opinion the Disciple church was truly apostolic, its requirements for church membership being identical with those prescribed by the great Teacher.

Henry Wells, father of George U. Wells, was born in Harrison township, spent his entire life on a farm and died May 2, 1907, in his sixty-first year. In politics he was a republican, thoroughly conversant with the political issues of the day, but while he interested himself in the successes of his party he was never an aspirant for public office, contenting himself with using his vote and influence during campaigns in order to secure the election of its candidates. His wife, who bore the

maiden name of Susan Kellenbarger and whose birth occurred in Etna township, May 20, 1846, still survives in excellent health. They had seven children, namely: George U.; Amelia, the wife of Vincent Algeo of Etna township; Louis, of Columbus, Ohio; Harvey, who departed this life in his twenty-ninth year, a widower; Samantha, the wife of Freeman Rostoffer, of Columbus, Ohio; Clida, the wife of Professor Rell Nichols, of Pataskala; and Joseph, who resides on the old homestead.

On the farm he now has under cultivation George U. Wells was reared, participating in the experiences common to the country lad during his boyhood days, in the summer months assisting his father in agricultural duties and in the winter attending the district schools. After completing his studies he settled down to a life of husbandry and has since resided here with the exception of three years devoted to agricultural pursuits on a farm located four miles north of his present one. He owns two hundred and ten acres of his father's original estate, eighty-five acres of which is in Etna township, although the entire tract of land is in one body, separated by the township line. General farming engages his attention and the soil, well cared for is very productive, his crops of hay and various cereals being of the best quality. He also engages in stock-raising, breeding sheep and cattle. He always handles thoroughbred stock, and his business is remunerative.

On June 9, 1888, Mr. Wells wedded Ida Bell Gamble, a native of Fairfield county, born August 30, 1870, and a daughter of Leonard and Mary (Shiddigger) Gamble, residents of East Outville. They have one daughter, Vera, who resides with her parents. Mr. Wells' political views are on the side of the republican party, being a stanch believer in its principles which in his opinion advocate those policies upon which depends the general financial and commercial prosperity of the nation, and during campaigns he is always loyal to his party candidates. He is a man whose progressive spirit has not only enabled him to surround himself with prosperity but his energies have also been felt in the community where he is highly respected, entertaining the confidence of his neighbors and being numbered among the honored and representative agriculturists.

S. D. LYONS.

S. D. Lyons, who has held the position of postmaster at Vanatta for seventeen years and is still the efficient incumbent of that office, is also the owner of a general mercantile store at that place and is widely recognized as one of the county's most substantial and public-spirited citizens. He was born in Licking county, April 24, 1858, his parents being James L. and Eleanor (Francis) Lyons. The father, whose birth occurred in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1822, accompanied his parents on their removal to this county in 1825 and still makes his home in Washington township, being now numbered among the venerable and respected early settlers of this portion of the state. His wife, a native of Harrison county, Ohio, was called to her final rest on the 16th of August, 1900. Unto this worthy couple were born eight children, as follows: Mary A., the wife of J. R. Donahey, of Licking county; William F., deceased; Sarah, the wife of G. W. Merriott, of this county; S. D., of this review; Esther, the wife of F. E. Elliott, of Martinsburg; Ida, who has also passed away; J. F., a resident of Newark; and Wilbur J., living in Knox county.

S. D. Lyons supplemented his preliminary education by a course at the normal school at Utica and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. He was then engaged in the operation of rented land for six years and on the expiration of that period wedded Miss Emma Pound, whose demise occurred in December, 1886. Afterward he made his home with his father until he was again married, in 1891, his second union being with Mrs. Mary Litzenberg, widow of William Litzenberg. Mrs. Lyons, whose birth occurred in Morrow county, Ohio, in 1859, has one daughter by her former marriage—Ethel, the wife of Frank Stewart.

In his political views Mr. Lyons is a stalwart republican and has served as township clerk, while at present he is filling the position of postmaster at Vanatta, which office he has held for seventeen years. He is also the well-known proprietor of a general mercantile establishment in Vanatta and in addition to his store building he owns one of the finest residences in the town. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows lodge, No. 850, at St. Louisville, in which he has filled all of the chairs. Both he and his wife are faithful members of the Lutheran church. His worth as a man and citizen is widely acknowledged and in his business and official life he has shown how forceful are the qualities of diligence and perseverance when supplemented by sound judgment. His prosperity is due to these sterling traits of character and in all of his undertakings he has been so straightforward that his name is largely a synonym for business integrity to those who know him. Having been a resident of this county throughout his entire life, covering a half-century, he has been a witness of the greater part of its growth and development, and his conduct has been at all times so exemplary that the circle of his friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

CHARLES C. FORRY.

Charles C. Forry is a successful member of the Newark bar. The zeal with which he has devoted his energies to his profession, the careful regard evinced for the interests of his clients, and an assiduous and unrelaxing attention to all the details of his cases have brought him a large business and have secured for him many verdicts favorable to his clients. Born in Newark on the 31st of August, 1868, he is a son of Harmon and Lydia A. (Slife) Forry, both of whom were natives of Licking county. His great-grandfather, Daniel Forry was one of the pioneers of this county, arriving here about 1807, only a few years after Ohio was admitted into the Union that constituted the newly created republic. He purchased a tract of land from the original owner, and the Wehrle plant now occupies a portion of this farm. It was also at an early period in the history of the county that Henry Slife, the maternal grandfather, came from Pennsylvania in the '30s and established his home in Licking county, purchasing land in Liberty township whereon he gave his attention to general agricultural pursuits.

Harmon Forry, the father of our subject, was reared to the occupation of farming and in connection with the work of tilling the soil he became a brick manufacturer, owning and operating a brick yard in Licking county for a number of

years. He afterward became a resident of Texas, where the latter part of his life was spent. He died in 1902. At the time of the Civil war he espoused the Union cause and enlisted as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Thirty Fifth Ohio National Guard. He was captured and spent several months in Andersonville prison, and also in the Florence prison and other places where the Union soldiers were confined by their southern captors. He was captured at Martinsburg, Virginia, during Early's raid and about eight months later was released. He long survived his wife, who died in Newark in 1880.

Charles C. Forry is indebted to the public school system of Newark for the early educational advantages which he enjoyed and, mastering the work of the successive grades he was at length graduated from the high school in the class of 1886. He then entered the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, in preparation for the practice of law and was graduated from the law department in 1889, at which time he won his professional degree. The following year he was admitted to practice in the courts of Texas and for six years followed his profession in Vernon, that state. In 1895, however, he returned to Newark, and in January, 1896, was admitted to practice in the courts of Ohio, since which time he has given unremitting attention to his professional duties.

Mr. Forry is a member of the Licking County Bar Association and aside from his professional connections he has business interests as the secretary and treasurer of the Hanover Red Pressed Brick Company. Socially, he is connected with the Masons and with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance is unfalteringly given to the republican party and for one term he was justice of the peace, while in the spring of 1903 he was elected mayor of Newark. His official record is commendable, showing marked fidelity to duty and a progressive spirit in the discharge of all tasks relative to municipal progress and advancement.

N. M. BROWN.

N. M. Brown, proprietor of a large livery and sales stable at Pataskala, is a native of Somerset, Perry county, Ohio, born May 7, 1853, a son of William and Jane (McNaughton) Brown, natives of Perry and Fairfield counties, respectively, the mother's death occurring when her son, N. M. Brown, was an infant, while the father lived to the age of fifty-four years. He spent his entire life in agricultural pursuits and was prominent in local affairs, having officiated as probate judge of Perry county for a few terms, conducting the duties of that responsible post in a manner forcefully evidencing his executive ability. He was prominent in Masonic circles and an ardent adherent of the Presbyterian faith, being a zealous Christian whose daily life reflected the qualities of that character to whom he anchored his hope. His family numbered six children: Owen W., captain of Company B, Seventeenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, who answered the first call to arms at the outbreak of the Civil war and now resides in Perry county; Thomas, deceased, a veteran of the Civil war, who served four years in the regular army; N. M.; Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of Samuel Ream; Rebecca Jane, deceased, who was the wife of Samuel Barr; and Mary, who died in childhood.

Being left an orphan when he was still a lad, which compelled him to make his home with his sister and other relatives, and while engaged in agricultural work, he availed himself of the educational opportunities of the district schools, remaining in the neighborhood of his birthplace until he was twenty-one years of age, at which period of his life he removed to a farm of his own near Thornville, Perry county. This he cultivated for one year and then sold. Upon coming to this county, he purchased a farm containing two hundred acres, located north of Newark in Newark township, and there he tilled the soil until he was married, when he sold his property and located in the town of Newark, where he established himself in the livery business, and also dealt in horses. He continued in this business for three years, at the termination of which time he removed to Alexandria, St. Albans township, living with his wife's people and managing their farm about two years. He next removed to Pataskala in 1882 and founded the business in which he is now engaged. He has a large sales stable, in which he feeds and boards horses, his barn being located on Jefferson street and measuring fifty by two hundred feet, being the largest used for the purpose in the city and here, in addition to taking care of animals for others, he keeps some of the very finest horses for hire and sale. He owns an excellent dwelling house on Main street, of modern style of architecture and supplied with every convenience, and also two residences which he rents, also still retaining possession of his farm of two hundred acres in St. Albans township. He is an enterprising business man, whose careful management has enabled him to surround himself with the prosperity he now enjoys, all of which is the result of his own economy and exertions.

In 1879 Mr. Brown wedded Miss Sarah Palmer, a native of this county and a daughter of Samuel and Harriet (Haston) Palmer, also natives of Licking county, his wife having passed away in July, 1903. Mr. Brown is a republican in politics and while he does not desire public office he takes an interest in the successes of his party and is on hand during campaigns with his vote and influence to secure the election of its candidates. He belongs to Lodge No. 404, A. F. & A. M., of Pataskala and to the commandery, chapter and council at Newark, being also affiliated with the Scottish Rite Masons at Columbus, Ohio, and with the Shriners of the same city. Mr. Brown's financial relations have always been transacted on the basis of justice and honesty and both as a citizen and business man he has always been accorded the respect and confidence of the community.

JOSEPH RHINEHART MOSER.

Joseph Rhinehart Moser, who has charge of the sand cutting department of the Wehrle Stove Works at Newark, is well known in industrial circles and equally well known in political circles, having for several years served efficiently as a member of the city council. He has always remained a resident of Newark, his native city. He was born January 10, 1872, and is a son of John G. Moser. Spending his boyhood under the parental roof, he was sent as a pupil to the public schools and passing through consecutive grades eventually became a high-school student. As early as his fourteenth year, however, he apprenticed himself to the molder's

trade and for nine years was employed as a molder in the Moser & Wehrle Stove Works. During that time he gained comprehensive knowledge of the business and broad practical experience, and was then given charge of the foundry department and for ten years was assistant superintendent of the plant. Since the reorganization of the business he has had charge of the sand cutting department and has under his employ twenty workmen. When he entered the foundry he was the twenty-seventh man whose name was placed on their payroll. When he took charge of the shop he had eighty-seven molders under his direction and when he left there in 1905 he was in control of over eight hundred workmen. In 1902 the business was reorganized and Mr. Moser continued under the new regime, taking charge of his present department in the mills in 1905. Throughout his entire business experience he has been connected with this industry and no higher testimonial of faithfulness and efficiency could be given than his long connection with the plant. He stands as a prominent representative of the industrial life of the city and has long enjoyed in the fullest extent the confidence of those with whom he has been associated. As he has prospered in his undertakings he has made judicious investments in property and is now the owner of four residences in Newark, seventeen city lots and a fifth interest in the old Moser home.

In politics Mr. Moser has always been an earnest democrat and has served for three successive terms on the city council, during one term being the only democrat elected in the county at that time. Fraternally he is connected with Newark Lodge, No. 391, B. P. O. E.; Licking Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles; Roland Lodge of the Knights of Pythias; the Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorasan; and Cedar Camp, M. W. A., and Independent Order of Foresters.

On the 23d of October, 1890, Mr. Moser was married to Miss Ida Brubaker, a daughter of P. W. and Matilda W. Brubaker, the former proprietor of a feed store in Newark. There is one child by this marriage, Walter, who is attending Bliss Business College. Mr. Moser is one of the representative men of Newark, esteemed by many friends, respected by his business colleagues and held in high regard by all with whom he has come in contact in every relation of life. He has ever been loyal to the trust reposed in him and while a member of the city council he did effective service in support of many movements for the general good.

WILLIAM H. MONTGOMERY.

For more than a century the Montgomery family has been associated with the agricultural interests of Licking county, Henry Montgomery, grandfather of William Henry, having settled in Madison township about the year 1810. He was born in Goutmore, in the County of Tyrone, Ireland, January 8, 1790, and there he was reared under the rigid discipline of the Presbyterian church. He early acquired the art of reading and at the age of eight years had perused Cook's Voyage Around the World, while before he reached manhood the contents of Charles Rolands' Ancient History, a compact review of the rise, splendor and fall of bygone civilization, were a part of his knowledge, nor did this satiate his thirst for learning and information for when still a young man he made himself familiar with the annals of many nations and also took an interest in general literature as repre-

sented by the standard authors of his day. On May 3, 1803, his parents and entire family set sail from Londonderry, Ireland, enroute for America and, upon arriving on the shores of the new world, they were transferred to a river packet and pursued their course by the Delaware river to Wilmington, from which place they repaired by wagon to Pennsylvania, in which state they stopped at the home of a relative by the name of James Summerville. Two months later Mr. Montgomery's mother passed away and her remains were interred in a cemetery which was located a few miles east of Lancaster. He then went to Augusta county, Virginia, and rented a small farm near Staunton, Greenbriar county, where he remained for a few years and in 1810 started from that place for Ohio, making the journey for one hundred miles along the mountain path and finally came to the home of Felix and Katherine Grimes, where resided the young woman, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grimes, who was to become his wife. Arrangements were soon made for the happy event and on September 27, 1810, the ceremony was performed and the next day he and his bride started on their wedding tour on horseback, carrying with them all their household effects, such as cooking utensils and bedding, and also driving four cows. Finally they located in Madison township, this county, where they remained for two years when Mr. Montgomery and his brother William, in company with their father, purchased one hundred acres of land in Bowling Green township, about five miles east of Newark, but after a few years' residence there he sold his interest to William and purchased one hundred and five acres of land in Perry township, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1870. His wife, whose birth occurred in Bath county, Virginia, in 1784, departed this life October 14, 1865.

Among his children the third in order of birth was James S. Montgomery, whose birth occurred near Hanover, this county, April 27, 1815, and whose boyhood was spent at the home of his parents, who gave him the advantage of an excellent education, having had him enrolled for several years as a student at a private educational institution. On September 9, 1841, he wedded Sarah E. Waddell, who was born November 16, 1816, a daughter of James Waddell and his second wife, who departed this life on March 4, 1896, and October 28, 1900, respectively. Mr. Montgomery and his wife settled on a farm in St. Albans township, this county, on December 31, 1841, and the first night slept in a log cabin located on the opposite side of the road from their farm, its roof being in such bad condition that they received the full benefit of the wintry blasts and in the morning when they awoke were as completely covered with snow as though they had made their bed on the outside. In that day the entire region was practically a wilderness, the trees being uncut so that not a particle of land was in condition for cultivation. The tract which Mr. Montgomery purchased, covering over two hundred acres, was completely overgrown with heavy timber and it fell to him to cut it away in order to transform the land into tillable fields. He was inured to hardship and inspired with an aggressive spirit and success followed every move until finally he became one of the most extensive landowners and prosperous farmers in the vicinity. During his latter years he lived in retirement, enjoying the comforts of his country home, and on September 9, 1891, he and his wife celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. He was favorably known throughout the county as a man of sterling character, whose industry and enterprise had largely contributed toward developing the natural resources of this part of the state. He was a zealous Christian and

when a youth united with the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he was an enthusiastic worker until called to the life beyond. In his family were four children, namely: Kate, deceased, who was born January 12, 1844, and became the wife of Griff Rosebraugh, who is also deceased; William Henry; Mary, born August 30, 1856, and residing in Newark, Ohio; and James Eddie, who was born November 24, 1858, and wedded Nellie K. Campbell. They resided in Newark, where her death occurred July 17, 1905, and he died February 13, 1909.

William Henry Montgomery was born in St. Albans township, Licking county, about one-fourth of a mile east of where he now resides, on July 28, 1848, and there he remained until he was twenty-seven years of age, in the meantime assisting his father in the duties of the farm and acquiring his preliminary education at the district school, while subsequently he completed a course of study at the Ohio Wesleyan University, in Delaware, Ohio. He paid a visit to Harrison township and though he had previously planned to locate in the far west, upon coming to the township to assist a neighbor in cradling wheat, he was favorably impressed with the country and, upon communicating the fact to his father, the latter induced him to give up his idea of a westward trip and to invest in land here. He purchased the farm in 1872 immediately upon leaving school and three years prior to the date of his marriage. The farm consists of one hundred and twenty-five acres situated in the northwest corner of Harrison township and the rich and highly cultivated soil produces the best crops. A double log cabin stood upon the place when he made the purchase but the year in which he was married Mr. Montgomery tore it down and built a small cottage, which in 1892 he remodeled and enlarged into his present two-story, twelve-room residence, at a cost of three thousand dollars. The farm is provided with an excellent barn, forty-two by sixty-four feet, which he constructed in 1882, at an expense of fourteen hundred dollars, and which is as roomy and as fine a structure of the kind as exists in the county. Among other improvements he installed a thorough system of drainage which cost him upwards of one thousand dollars so that as far as concerns irrigation his farm is the equal of any in the state. He carries on general agriculture and stock-raising, making a specialty of sheep-breeding, and has had on hand as many as six hundred head of sheep at one time while he was in partnership with his father. He also has made quite a specialty of shorthorn cattle for which he has quite a reputation throughout the country. In addition to his general farming interests Mr. Montgomery has also taken up other enterprises and for the past sixteen years has been writing fire insurance and now represents the Phoenix Insurance Company, of Hartford, Connecticut, and the German-American and Ohio Farmers Insurance Companies.

On October 14, 1875, Mr. Montgomery was united in marriage to Anna B. Cooley, a native of Homer, Ohio, where her birth occurred April 30, 1854, and a daughter of Timothy H. and Mary L. (Youmans) Cooley, her father having been born in Granville, April 9, 1827, and her mother in Knowlton, New Jersey, March 15, 1831. Her mother came here with her parents when she was three months old and departed this life October 5, 1904, at the residence of her son-in-law, with whom she had spent the last fourteen years of her life. She was the daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Loder) Youmans. Timothy H. Cooley departed this life at his home in Pataskala, July 10, 1891. He came to Harrison township in 1854, eight years previous to his death, and during that time had been living in retire-

ment in Pataskala. He had been a tanner until he located in Harrison township but there he engaged in farming and followed that occupation the remainder of his active days. His parents were Dr. John B. and Bethia (Linnell) Cooley, who came with the Granville colony from Granville, Massachusetts, to Granville, Ohio, in 1805. His wife had been married before to Rev. Timothy Harris, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Granville, and after her marriage with Dr. John B. Cooley they located in Homer, where he practiced medicine for some time. Later they took up their residence with their son, Timothy H. Cooley, where she departed this life.

Mr. and Mrs. William Montgomery have three children. Bertha C. departed this life in infancy; Orville Cooley, whose birth occurred November 15, 1881, and is now instructor in physics in the high school at Los Angeles, California, was educated at the Pataskala high school and Denison University from which he was graduated in the class of 1904. Lela B., born July 3, 1886, was graduated from the high school in Pataskala and from Denison University in the class of 1908 and is now preceptress and teacher of German and English in Sac City Institute, Sac City, Iowa.

Mr. Montgomery has been influential in local affairs and particularly instrumental in establishing a school law, through the action of the legislature, which has been beneficial not only to the schools of this township but also to those throughout this and other counties, the cause for the framing of such a law having arisen out of a difficulty which occurred between Mr. Montgomery as a member of the school board and the county authorities. In 1896 he was prepared to send his son to Pataskala high school, at which time he was a member of the Harrison township board of education and he made a proposition to that body providing for the temporary suspension of the district school, the school funds which were used to support that institution to be employed in conveying the pupils of District No. 8 to Pataskala high school. The board granted the request and a wagon was provided and the pupils were transferred. A few weeks after the plan had been in operation a petition was circulated asking the discontinuance of the wagon service and the replacing of the district school teachers but, the movement meeting with failure, the question was carried to the county commissioner who ordered the board of education to replace the teachers. That body, refusing to act in obedience to the order and determined that its plans should not be frustrated, still continued the wagon service and in the winter of 1896-7 Mr. Montgomery went to Columbus and advised with the committee on education in the house of representatives and begged of its members to change the law governing common schools and to frame an amendment to permit a board of education in any township to temporarily suspend school in its district and use the money to provide transportation for its pupils to the nearest high school. The bill was placed before the house in the morning and by a special act was passed and submitted to the senate by a committee, the latter body approving of the bill which at once became a law. Mr. Montgomery returned home with the law in his pocket after he had spent but two days at the capital city. The bill is known as No. 133, amending section No. 3921 of revised statutes. The law has been employed by many communities and has proved of invaluable benefit throughout the state.

Mr. Montgomery, a life long republican, is a strong and able advocate of the principles of his party and is enthusiastic during campaigns to secure the election

of its candidates. He has also figured prominently in local affairs and for a period of six years served efficiently as justice of the peace. He belongs to Pataskala Lodge, No. 404, A. F. & A. M., having united with the order in 1872. He is a past master, has held the chair of senior deacon for nine consecutive years, for one year officiated as junior warden and for twelve years served in the station of worshipful master, having also represented his lodge in the grand lodge of the state for the same period of time. He belongs to Pataskala Lodge, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled the various chairs and of which he is now past noble grand. In company with his wife he is a member of the Eastern Star of Pataskala, both being charter members of that organization, his wife having officiated as chaplain since its institution. Mr. Montgomery and all the members of his family attend the Methodist Episcopal church of Pataskala, with which he united in 1881 and in which he has served as steward. He is a man whose high character and genial disposition, together with his broad mindedness and business ability, have gained him great influence throughout the county and, being an upright, straightforward man, he is favorably spoken of wherever he is known throughout the county and state.

CHARLES N. WELLS.

Charles N. Wells, one of the younger men who are devoting their lives to agricultural pursuits and stock-raising in Harrison township, was born September 17, 1877, on the farm on which he now resides and which is located three-quarters of a mile north of Kirkersville, a son of Reason and Adaline (Cain) Wells, both of whom were natives of this county, his father's birth having occurred September 20, 1818, and his mother's on March 11, 1834. They departed this life July 4, 1891, and March 31, 1888, respectively. The father followed farming and stock-breeding and he owned about eight hundred acres of tillable land, all of which is located in this county. At the time of his death he was a man of considerable means, most of which he earned by raising sheep and wool. He was considered an authority throughout the country on the breeding and raising of sheep. He took a profound interest in public affairs and had always given his support to the republican party, the principles of which he ably advocated, and during elections he regularly used his vote and influence in order to secure the election of the candidates of his party to the offices they sought. In his family were nine children, namely: Mary Ellen, wife of J. R. Channell, of Harrison township; George Elmer, who is in the milling business at Pataskala; Minnie J., who became the wife of James Jacobs, of Kirkersville; Carry May, wife of James S. White, residing on a farm in Etna township; Mattie E., wife of George Harris, an agriculturist of Union township; Addie, whose birth occurred in 1869 and who departed this life in 1893; Laura J., who is the widow of Joseph Welch, and resides in New Mexico; Reason L., of Columbus, Ohio; and Charles N.

On his father's farm Charles N. Wells was reared and was early set to work in the performance of the duties of agriculture, in the meantime attending the district schools where he acquired his education. After completing his studies he remained upon the home farm, where he has since been actively carrying on

general agricultural pursuits, stock-raising and dairying. His place is known as the "Eagle Glen" farm. He has one hundred and fifty-three acres of land, all of which is highly improved, a considerable portion being excellent grazing land, and he bears the reputation of conducting one of the finest dairies in the county. He has as fine a herd of milch cows as there are in the county, keeping on hand all the time about twenty head, to which he gives the utmost attention and, having made a special study of this class of animals and of the best methods for carrying on the dairy business together with the care of his cattle, he had brought his kine to a high state of perfection and he cannot be excelled for his several dairy products, most of which he ships to Columbus, Ohio, where he has a large and lucrative trade. Among other modern improvements which he has made upon his farm is that of a magnificent dwelling, his old home having been destroyed by fire while he was on the way to be married. His barn is also of the most modern type and the other outbuildings are substantial. His farm, which is a part of that originally belonging to his father, is one of the finest and most desirable in the county and bears every evidence of thrift and progress.

On April 4, 1901, Mr. Wells was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Mable Walker, who was born in Harrison township, April 1, 1881, and is a daughter of William H. and Belle (Mason) Walker, who reside in Kirkersville. To Mr. and Mrs. Wells has been born one child, Rheabelle, who was born September 25, 1905. In politics Mr. Wells follows in the footsteps of his father and loyally supports the republican party. Among the fraternal organizations with which he is affiliated are the Red Men and Gleaners. He is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, having enlisted in this county in Company K, Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry and served at Camps Axline, Bushnell, Alger and Meade. Mr. Wells is a young man of remarkable energy and enterprise and at the same time one of noble character, his upright life meriting him the confidence and respect of the entire community of which he is numbered among the representative citizens.

DAVID A. THOMAS.

David A. Thomas, who for more than a third of a century has been continuously and successfully connected with the agricultural interests of Licking county, was born in Wales on the 20th of October, 1835. His parents, Christmas and Margaret Thomas, also natives of Wales, crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1842 and were three months on the water. They took up their abode in Granville township. The father, who was an agriculturist by occupation, made his home in this county throughout the remainder of his life, passing away in 1873, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1880. Unto this worthy couple were born nine children but David A. is the only surviving member of the family. His brother James was in the Mexican war and died with cholera in 1849.

David A. Thomas supplemented his preliminary education by a college course at Denison University and following his graduation in 1859, he took up the profession of teaching, meeting with success during his fifteen years' connection with that line of activity. In 1870 he purchased his present place of one hundred and

forty-five acres in Newton township and moved here into a log cabin in 1871. He made improvements thereon and has since been engaged in the work of general farming. The neat and thrifty appearance of the place is indicative of the careful supervision of the owner, whose methods are at once practical and progressive. His industry has ever been one of the salient characteristics and has been the measure of his success.

December 9, 1869, Mr. Thomas was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary King, whose birth occurred in Newark township October 28, 1840, her parents being John and Elizabeth King, the latter a granddaughter of James King, one of the early settlers in this county and a millwright by trade, whose family numbered seven children. Unto our subject and his wife have been born four children, namely: Gilbert J., of this county; Hilda E., deceased; and Elmer E. and Hamer L., both at home.

In his political views Mr. Thomas is a stalwart democrat but has never sought nor desired the honors or emoluments of office. He is a member of the Grange and is widely and favorably known throughout the county, whose growth and development he has witnessed during the past two-thirds of a century. The facts which have shaped its history are largely familiar to him and he has rejoiced in what has been accomplished for the improvement of this part of the state along moral, intellectual and material lines.

CHARLES E. HOOVER.

Charles E. Hoover, the owner of a highly improved and valuable farm of one hundred acres in Newton township, was born in Newark, January 28, 1844, his parents being Charles and Mary (Franklin) Hoover. The paternal grandfather participated in the Revolutionary war, and his wife lived to attain the age of one hundred and one years, her demise occurring in Newark. Charles Hoover, the father of our subject, whose birth occurred in Virginia, November 30, 1780, became one of the first settlers of this county. He successfully conducted a lumberyard in Newark, where he made his home for forty years, passing away in this county in 1866. His wife, who was born in England, June 16, 1819, was a girl of twelve years when she accompanied her parents on their emigration to the United States, the family home being established in Licking county. Unto Charles and Mary (Franklin) Hoover were born four children, namely: Charles E., of this sketch; one who died in infancy; Mary, the wife of George T. Nash, of Newark; and Olivia, the deceased wife of George W. Rugg, of Newark.

Though but a young man of eighteen years at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war, Charles E. Hoover, with patriotic ardor, enlisted as a member of Company A, Captain Thayer, Tenth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, under General Kilpatrick. His service, covering a period of three years, included participation in the battle of Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge and various other hotly contested engagements. At Resaca, Georgia, on the 14th of May, 1864, he was shot in the right forearm, the bullet passing through his elbow and across the back. After being honorably discharged from the army he returned to this county and remained

at home until the time of his father's death. Subsequently he wedded Miss Ada Bracket, a native of Licking county, by whom he had two children: Florence, the wife of Oscar Osborn, of this county; and one who died in infancy. Mrs. Ada Hoover passed away in 1874 and afterward Mr. Hoover was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary L. Swartz, of this county, by whom he likewise has had two children: Charles, a graduate of the commercial college, who has been engaged in teaching for several years; and Eura, at home, who has been well educated in music.

Subsequent to his marriage Mr. Hoover bought a farm, on which he made his home for six years, then sold the property and purchased his present farm, of one hundred acres, in Newton township. In connection with the work of the fields he makes a specialty of raising hogs and cattle and his business interests are so carefully managed that annually his sales of grain and stock return to him a good financial reward for his labor.

In his political views Mr. Hoover is a democrat and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and fidelity, have called him to various positions of public trust and responsibility. He has served as township clerk for ten years, has been justice of the peace for a similar period and has always acted as a member of the school board, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Baptist church, in which he has held the office of Sunday school superintendent fourteen years. His business interests have been carefully conducted, his duties of citizenship capably performed and at all times he has been true to the obligations and responsibilities devolving upon him in every relation of life, making him one of the worthy and much respected citizens of his native county. Moreover, he is a representative of a family that has figured prominently in the annals of this county, from the earliest period of its settlement, and whose labors contributed in substantial measure to the growth and upbuilding of the community in pioneer times. He is a member of the G. A. R. of Newark. He was sergeant from the time he left for the front until wounded and quartermaster sergeant after he was wounded. He was transferred to Company One Hundred and Eleven, Second Battalion, Veteran Reserve Corps, of the United States Army, and was in command of his company at Columbus when discharged September 23, 1865.

H. P. SMITH.

H. P. Smith, who is now among the enterprising and substantial agriculturists of Newton township, and who has gained considerable prominence in politics, and also as a member of the Masonic order, is a native of McKean township, where his birth occurred September 9, 1855. He was a son of George W. and Lydia (Piles) Smith, the former a native of the Keystone state and the latter of this county. They had thirteen children, namely: William H., of Oak township; B. F., who resides in Knox county; Andrew J., a resident of McKean township; Mary, wife of Samuel Wagner, who lives in Nebraska; Martha, who was united in marriage with William Howell, of Missouri; John W., George W. and Asa, all of whom are de-

ceased; H. P., of this review; Richard G., who resides in Missouri; Sivila, the widow of M. W. Willard; Emily, the deceased wife of Frank Lock; and Charles L., who resides in McKean township. Mr. Smith departed this life August 20, 1893, and his wife three months later, on October 24, of the same year.

In the district school H. P. Smith pursued his studies, in the meantime engaging with his father in performing the labors of the farm. After putting aside his text-books he followed farming on the old home place until he was twenty-four years of age, when he united in marriage with Miss Nancy Welsh, a native of Perry county, where she was born October 29, 1853, and a daughter of Henry and Johanna (Post) Welsh, her father a native of Maryland and her mother of Perry county. They had a family of twelve children, and both have departed this life. Immediately following his marriage Mr. Smith left the old homestead and rented a farm which he cultivated for a period of ten years, during which time he met with signal success and acquired sufficient means to purchase the farm upon which he now lives in Newton township. He possesses sixty acres of land and since acquiring the property he has devoted his entire time to its cultivation and has so improved his acreage, with all the buildings, machinery, and other conveniences requisite to carry on general farming that his place is now one of the finest in the township.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith had one daughter, Viola May, whose birth occurred September 1, 1889, and who departed this life in March, 1895. Mr. Smith is affiliated with the Lutheran church of Vanatta, Ohio, and, being a man of high moral character, he is very observant of his religious duties. To the democratic party he has always given his political support. He is a prominent member of Lodge No. 2, A. F. & A. M., at Fredonia. Mr. Smith is industrious and enterprising and his patience and perseverance, reenforced by hard work and careful management, maintain him in his present prosperity.

WILLIAM C. MILLER.

Imbued with the progressive spirit which has given America a position as one of the commercial forces of the world, William C. Miller has, through individual effort, worked his way steadily upward until he is a prominent figure in commercial and financial circles in Newark. He devotes much of his attention to his duties as secretary and treasurer of the Licking County Bank & Trust Company, but has other important business interests as well and in the successful management and control of these has also contributed to the general prosperity and business development of the city. He is a native son of Newark, born December 3, 1868, his parents being George and Louisa (Flory) Miller, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Ohio. The father came to the United States about the year 1850 and settled in Dresden, Muskingum county, Ohio. Following the Civil war he removed to Licking county and took up his abode in Newark, becoming a prominent resident of this locality. He served as county treasurer for two years and always gave his support to those measures and movements which were calculated to promote the general welfare and upbuilding of the country. For a number of years he conducted business as proprietor of a meat market, but is now engaged in farming. At the

time of the Civil war he gave evidence of his unfaltering loyalty to his country, serving for four years as a sergeant in one of the Pennsylvania Light Artillery companies. He took part in several hotly contested battles and in one engagement was wounded.

The public-school system of Newark afforded William C. Miller his educational advantages, and passing through the consecutive grades he was graduated from the high school with the class of 1886. He then became deputy county treasurer and filled the position for nearly twelve years and then resigned that he might give military aid to his country, raising a battery for service in the Spanish-American war and going out with the rank of captain. With his command he reported at Chickamauga Park, Georgia, and was in camp there for about eight months, waiting for orders to move to the front, but his services were not needed.

Returning to Newark Mr. Miller engaged in the furniture business, in which he continued for three years. He then organized the Powers-Miller Company, of which he became secretary and treasurer and later became its president, the company today owning a department store which is one of the leading commercial enterprises of the city. On the 1st of June, 1907, he was elected the vice president of the Licking County Bank & Trust Company, and later to active management of the bank as secretary and treasurer. He is a director and secretary of the Licking Light & Power Company. He is also a director of the Tribune Publishing Company, Sherwood Improvement Company, and of the Newark Base Ball Club. In business affairs he shows keen discernment, resulting in a ready and accurate solution of intricate business problems. Moreover he possesses a determined spirit that enables him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes and the business methods which he has employed will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny.

On the 27th of June, 1897, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Alice G. Fleek, a daughter of John Fleek, deceased, and they have two daughters and one son, Martha Grace, Virginia and John F.

Mr. Miller belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, the Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias, and in these different organizations numbers many friends who entertain for him warm regard. His entire life having been passed in this community, it is well known that no fortunate environment or circumstance aided him at the outset of his career, but through the utilization of his innate talents, through determined and unfaltering energy and industry that never flags, he has gained the prominent position which he now occupies in connection with the business interests of Newark.

COLONEL JOHN L. CLEM.

There is no man of his years who can claim such a military record as constitutes the life history of Colonel John L. Clem. He was undoubtedly the youngest drummer boy in the Civil war and the youngest to carry a musket in defense of the Union. He has since given his life to military interests of his country and is now stationed at Fort Worth, Texas. The story of his exploits in the Civil war constitutes a most interesting chapter in the annals of that strife. For a long time

he was known as "Little Johnny Clem, the Drummer Boy of Chickamauga." His invincible spirit and soldierly qualities were notable even in a day of brilliant achievements made by distinguished officers and the gallant rank and file of the army. He was born in Newark, Ohio, August 15, 1851, and as the years have passed various mentions have been made of him in historic and other publications relating to the Civil war period.

There was nothing particularly remarkable in his early youth, which was spent in the usual manner of lads of that locality and period. However, a martial spirit was early manifest in him and he was greatly interested in the discussions which preceded the outbreak of the Civil war. In May, 1861, soon after the inauguration of hostilities in the south, when yet not ten years of age, he offered his services as a drummer to Captain McDougal, of the Third Ohio Regiment which was then posted in his native town, but on account of his size and age he was rejected. The regiment was on its way to the front and boarded a train for Cincinnati. Undaunted by the refusal which he had received, the little lad made his way to the train and there offered himself to the Twenty-second Michigan Regiment, but its officers also declined to muster him in on account of his youth. His persevering spirit, however, at length prevailed, and because of his determination to go to the front he was allowed to accompany the regiment in all of its subsequent movements and the beat of his drum was often the inspiring sound that awakened the lagging energies and dormant patriotism of tired and wearied soldiers. Although so young in years, he never faltered in the performance of the duties assigned him and in fact set a splendid example to many an older soldier. At length his soldierly spirit so won the confidence and admiration of the officers of the regiment that in June or July, 1862, he was enlisted at Covington, Kentucky, as a drummer and afterward to regular duty as a soldier.

At Shiloh Colonel Clem had his drum smashed by a piece of shell and this won for him the appellation of Johnny Shiloh, indicating the courageous manner in which he discharged his duties at that bloody battle. He had just reached his twelfth year when the battle of Chickamauga occurred. In the meantime he had been allowed to carry a musket although the fire article had been shortened for his use. There he might have been seen sitting upon a caisson side by side with artillerymen, going to the front to form the line of battle, facing the fire of the enemy's bullets which might mean death. He did duty with the command all through the day and as evening drew on, when the army was retiring towards Chattanooga, the brigade to which he was attached received orders to hold its position. After a time, however, the rebels surrounded this brigade and a demand for its surrender was made after its charge had been repulsed. At that time a confederate colonel rode toward little Johnny Clem, who could not fall back as rapidly as the rest of the line. In most ungentlemanly terms he bade him surrender, and rode toward the little soldier with his sword drawn. Suddenly the boy swung up his musket to the position of charge bayonet and fired, and the colonel fell. The surrounding rebels at the same moment fired upon the Union brigade and Johnny Clem dropped to the ground where he lay until darkness closed in and then arose, making his way toward Chattanooga, in which direction the remainder of the army had pursued. This exploit was one of the most heroic chronicled in the Civil war. Men of twice and thrice his years would have hesitated ere doing

the deed which he did with the rebels all around and the Confederate colonel almost upon him. It was this which won him the well known title of "The Little Drummer Boy of Chickamauga," and it gained for him also the highest praise from Rosecrans and Thomas and other officers and men in the army of the Cumberland. When the rebels fired upon the Union forces, after the little drummer boy had discharged his gun at the colonel, the shot fell thick and fast about him and his cap was pierced by three balls.

Colonel Clem won recognition for his undaunted valor and bravery from General Rosecrans, who made him sergeant, placing his name on the roll of honor and attaching him to the headquarters of the army of the Cumberland, while the daughter of Chief Justice Chase presented him with a silver medal inscribed "Sergeant Johnny Clem, Twenty-second Michigan Volunteer Infantry, from N. M. C." This badge he yet proudly wears in connection with his Grand Army badge.

Not long after leaving Chattanooga Colonel Clem and other Union soldiers were captured while he was doing detail service in bringing up the supply trains from Bridgeport, Alabama. For sixty-three days he was held captive by the Confederate forces, during which time the Union soldiers were kept constantly on the move until they reached Tallahassee, Florida, where he was paroled. From that point he was sent to Camp Chase, Ohio, for exchange. In the meantime, however, the Confederates had taken from him his cap, thrice pierced with bullets, his jacket and his shoes. Upon reaching the Union lines he found General Thomas in command of the army of the Cumberland and the general, knowing of his previous valor and heroism, attached him to his staff and made him an orderly sergeant. He was on active duty in various important engagements including the battles of Shiloh, Chickamauga, Perryville, Stone River, Resaca, Kenesaw, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Nashville and others, in which the troops constituting the army of the Cumberland won lasting fame for themselves.

Colonel Clem was not at all times fortunate in escaping the rebel lead. At Chickamauga he was hit by a broken shell which knocked him over and twice he was struck by balls. Upon one of these occasions he was in the act of delivering a dispatch from General Thomas to General Logan at Atlanta, when the pony which he rode was killed and the rider was wounded in the right shoulder. His military record was altogether a most brilliant and creditable one and because of his youth and his undaunted bravery he enjoyed the highest respect and honor of both officers and comrades of the army of the Cumberland, while General Thomas remained his best friend until his death and throughout that time a correspondence was maintained between them.

When the war was over and the country no longer needed his aid Colonel Clem was honorably mustered out and, returning to his old home at Newark, he resumed his interrupted education and was graduated from the high school in the class of 1870. Later he was graduated from an artillery school in 1875. In the meantime, through appointment of President Grant and upon the recommendation of Generals Thomas and Logan and other officers of the army of the Cumberland, he was appointed a cadet at West Point in recognition of his gallant service. On the 18th of December, 1871, President Grant appointed him second lieutenant of the Twenty-fourth United States Infantry and since that time successive promo-

tions have come to him as he has done active military service for his country on the frontier, or in the various stations to which he has been called. On the 5th of October, 1875, he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant and on the 4th of May, 1882, became captain and acting quartermaster. Thirteen years later, on the 16th of May, 1895, he became major and quartermaster and on the 2d of February, 1901, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel and deputy quartermaster general. On the 15th of August, 1903, his last promotion made him colonel, and as assistant quartermaster general he is engaged in active duty at Fort Worth, Texas.

In 1875 Colonel Clem was married to Miss Anita French, a daughter of William H. French of the United States army. They had but one child who survived, John L. Clem. In 1903 Colonel Clem married the youngest daughter of D. Sullivan, a wealthy banker of San Antonio, Texas. There is one daughter of that marriage, Anne Elizabeth Clem. Colonel Clem served as chief quartermaster in the invasion of the Philippines from 1903 until 1905, during which time he succeeded in reducing the expenses two million five hundred thousand dollars, which was considered a remarkable record. He has attained high rank in Masonry, having become a thirty-second degree Mason in 1908. His history constitutes a brilliant chapter in the annals of Licking county's native sons and well deserves mention in this volume.

CHARLES C. BRICKER.

Prominent among the younger agriculturists of Harrison township, Charles C. Bricker makes a specialty of the dairy business in which he is meeting with splendid success. He was born February 18, 1876, in Morgan township, Knox county, on a farm located two miles east of Utica, and is the son of Hiram and Melissa M. (Bell) Bricker. His father was born in Morgan township, Knox county, Ohio, in 1827, his mother in Washington township, this county, February 14, 1836, the latter a daughter of Isaac Bell, a native of the Keystone state who in childhood came to Ohio with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bell, who were among the early settlers of this part of the state, locating near the Knox county boundary line. In this vicinity Hiram Bricker, the father of Charles C., spent most of his life engaged in the occupation of farming. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted from Licking county and served in the Union ranks for one hundred days in Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, entering the service as first lieutenant and subsequently becoming captain of his company. He was a man noted for his patriotism and during his residence in this community became quite prominent in local affairs and was numbered among the influential residents and worthy citizens. He reared the following children, namely: Katharine, wife of Ray McWilliams, of Newton township; Anna Bell, who resides with her husband, Frank Mercer, in Newark; Elizabeth, who wedded Hugh C. Harrison, of Jennings, Louisiana; Virginia, wife of James Seward, of Indianapolis, Indiana; James F., who occupies the home farm in Morgan township, Knox county; Emma, wife of Frank Forey, in Marysville, Ohio; Cary T..

a druggist of Newark; Laura, wife of J. R. Warner, of that city; Charles, a resident of Kirkersville, this county; and Nellie, who lives with her mother. Their father departed this life February 23, 1901, while his wife still survives and makes her home in Utica.

Charles C. Bricker was reared on his father's farm and there spent his boyhood days, in the meantime perfecting himself in the art of husbandry and acquiring his education in the district schools. He was associated with the farming interest of Knox county until two years ago, when he came to this county and located on his present farm, which is situated on the Johnstown road between Outville and Kirkersville. He has been following agricultural pursuits all his life with the exception of two years which he spent in the farm implement business in Utica. He has seventy acres, all of which is highly improved property and supplied with every convenience with which to carry on his business by modern methods. He makes a specialty of dairying and has twenty-three head of cows, all of which are of the finest breeds and considered to be the very best for dairying purposes, most of his cattle being of the Ayrshire breed, every animal being a thoroughbred and registered. There are only six herds of this breed of animals in the state of Ohio, and Mr. Bricker has exhibited his stock at the different state fairs and in every instance has succeeded in taking prizes. He has a wide reputation for the quality of his dairy products and carries on a large shipping business in Newark, this state. His buildings are substantial and modern and there was erected a new dwelling house in 1903, at a cost of five thousand dollars, which is among the best in the township, the residence having eight rooms, all of which are large, the entire structure being of modern architecture and equipped with all necessary conveniences. His farm is in every particular indicative of thrift and progress and is known as "Terrace Place."

On December 20, 1905, Mr. Bricker was united in marriage to Grace M. Moore, a native of this county and a daughter of William Moore, who resides in Homer, this county. In politics he gives his allegiance to the republican party and, although he is not active in public affairs, yet he keeps abreast with the times regarding the paramount issues of the day and is always ready with his vote and influence to secure the election of the candidates of his party. He belongs to Lodge No. 295, F. & A. M., meeting in Utica, and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is one of the most aggressive and enterprising men of the community, who is possessed of noble traits and qualities and whose life is such as to merit him the confidence and respect of his neighbors.

SMITH L. REDMAN.

Licking county has been signally favored in the class of men who have filled her public offices. They have usually been actuated by a spirit of untiring devotion to the general good and in the discharge of public duties have displayed ability as well as fidelity. The record of Smith L. Redman as sheriff of the county is a most creditable one and that he has the endorsement of the general public is indicated by the fact that he was elected for a second term. One of Ohio's native

sons, his birth occurred in Hopewell, Muskingum county, October 27, 1859, his parents being Samuel and Susan (Rutledge) Redman who were also natives of Muskingum county. The father, who throughout his entire life followed the occupation of farming in support of his family, died November 4, 1861, and is still survived by his widow who in the eighty-third year of her age is yet enjoying good health.

The public schools of his native county afforded Smith L. Redman his educational privileges and when not busy with his text books he worked upon the home farm and in a coal mine through the period of his youth. Later he entered a retail grocery store in the capacity of clerk. He early learned the value of industry and energy as necessary factors in a business career and those qualities have ever been numbered among his sterling characteristics. In June, 1876, he moved with his mother to Newark and in April, 1877, entered into the employ of Ashbrook & Company, wholesale grocers. That he was loyal to their best interests and proved a competent, efficient, and faithful representative of the house, is indicated by the fact that he remained with that firm for twenty-seven years or until they sold out in January, 1904. He was then retained by the succeeding firm, the Tenney & Morgan Company, as manager, until December, 1904, when he entered upon the duties of the office of sheriff to which he was elected in November. Discharging his duties without fear or favor and standing as one of the bulwarks of law and order in this county, his course won him the confidence of the public as manifested in his reelection in 1906. He has proved a good officer, giving entire satisfaction in the discharge of his duties.

Mr. Redman has always taken an active interest in politics and is one of the best known men in the county. He was elected a member of the city council from the old Fifth ward in 1892, serving for two years and in 1896 was reelected for a second term. Over the record of his official career there falls no shadow of wrong nor suspicion of evil for his course has been actuated by a public spirited citizenship. He is a self-made man in every sense of the word for at an early age he was obliged to start out in life on his own account and not only provided for his own support but has also taken a pride in providing and caring for his mother with whom he yet resides. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Woodmen, the Eagles and the United Commercial Travelers and in all of these organizations is popular, being highly esteemed by his fellow townsmen.

ALBERT BEEM.

Albert Beem, a retired merchant and farmer of Lima township, now living at Summit Station, after having for many years conducted a general store and dealt in drain tile, was born in Lima township, December 16, 1848, a son of George W. and Margaret (Myer) Beem, natives of Jersey township, this county, the former born November 17, 1820, and the latter July 25, 1825. There they resided until they were united in marriage November 17, 1842, when they came to Lima township, where they purchased a farm on which they remained until they departed this life on November 14, 1895, and June 25, 1854, respectively. They reared a

family of five children: Alonzo; Minerva, who departed this life in her twentieth year; George W., who passed away in infancy; Albert; and John N. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Beem on July 1, 1855, was united in marriage to Julia Ann, a sister of his former wife and to this union was born one child, Alice D., the wife of Daniel H. Whitehead, of Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Beem's second wife having entered into eternity, he wedded Elizabeth Tharp, on March 18, 1858, by whom he had three children: Mrs. Sarah A. Headly, of Franklin county, Ohio; Mrs. Rose L. Prior, deceased; and Mrs. Ida E. Foster, a resident of Summit Station. George W. Beem was a well known stock dealer, who handled cattle and sheep on a large scale, his farm containing three hundred acres, provided with every convenience for carrying on his business.

Albert Beem spent his boyhood on the farm on which he was born, engaging in its daily routine during the summer season and acquiring his education at the neighboring school in the winter time. Remaining upon the home place until he was twenty-two years of age, he then went to Benton county, Iowa, where he spent six years, returning to this place after the lapse of that time and engaging in the general merchandise business at Summit Station, which enterprise he conducted in connection with handling the various kinds of drain tile until two years ago when he retired from active life. He still owns the store building in which he transacted his business, the structure being a two-story frame one, twenty-four by seventy feet, and also owns two fine dwelling houses aside from the elegant brick residence, which he built for himself in 1904. In addition to these holdings he also possesses a farm in Kansas and considerable real estate in the city of Denver, Colorado. Mr. Beem has been remarkably successful in his business ventures and his industry and careful management have enabled him to amass a handsome fortune and he is numbered among the influential citizens of the county.

In February, 1871, Mr. Beem wedded Fidelia Beals, a native of Lima township, born March 20, 1849, and a daughter of Enoch H. and Katharine (Beem) Beals. To this union two children were born: Carrie M. is the widow of Lewis G. Evans and resides with her father. George H., born February 10, 1875, died August 3, 1905. His widow, Ninniota Pickering and their children, Hazel M. and Lula, reside with her father-in-law. Mr. Beem has had a long, useful business career in this community and one which has been marked by a degree of enterprise and industry which not only furthered his own prosperity but also greatly contributed to the financial worth of this part of the county. His business relations having always been in accord with a high standard of morals, his influence in commercial circles has been of much worth and he is entitled to the high place he now occupies as a retired business man and representative citizen of the township.

WILLIAM LARIMORE.

William Larimore, who is engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Kirkersville, was born on his father's farm in Union township, July 12, 1851, and is a son of Daniel and Samantha C. (Essex) Larimore. The father, one of a family of seven children, is a native of Virginia and the mother, who is of English

and French extraction, was born in Etna township, this county. Among their children were: William; Frank, who wedded Miss Elizabeth Sherman and resides in Columbus, Ohio; Belle, who resides at home with her mother in Outville; Louis, deceased; and Etta, who became the wife of Dr. F. P. Leatherman, a practicing physician in Outville.

William Larimore, the firstborn of the family, was reared amid the experiences of farm life, acquiring his preliminary education in the village schools, and in 1869 removed to Granville, where he attended high school, subsequently being given the advantage of a four years' course of study in Denison University. Upon graduating from this institution he returned to his father's farm, where he engaged in the pursuit of agriculture until 1893, during which year he located in Kirkersville, where he established himself in the furniture and undertaking business, in which he has since been engaged. Through his energy and enterprise his has become one of the leading business concerns in the township.

On February 27, 1890, Mr. Larimore wedded Miss Sarah J. Taylor, a daughter of James and Lydia (Bolby) Taylor, the former born February 27, 1822. Mrs. Larimore is one of a family of seven children, namely: Samuel W.; George W.; John, deceased; Lydia, who became the wife of O. N. Penny, of Carthage, Missouri; Ella, the wife of Thomas Clumus, of Hebron, Ohio; Elizabeth, who resides with her husband, T. M. Rugg, in Newark, Ohio; and Sarah J.

Mr. Larimore's business interests have been attended with prosperity and in 1906 he erected a magnificent cement residence of nine rooms and of modern style of architecture. He has provided it with every convenience with which to make domestic life comfortable and happy and here it is his pleasure to spend his evenings amid the delights of the home circle. Politically he is a democrat and while he is not an aspirant for public office he is a firm believer in the wisdom of the principles of his party and is invariably in evidence during campaigns, using his influence to the best advantage in order to secure the election of his candidates. Although his business affairs demand much of his time and attention yet he does not forget his religious obligations which he deems of greater import than the ordinary affairs of human life and attends divine services at the Baptist church, of which he is a liberal supporter. He takes an active part in the affairs of the Masonic order, being a member of Lodge No. 537, at Millersport, Ohio, and belongs to Lodge No. 587, I. O. O. F., of this place. Mr. Larimore is a man whose enterprising spirit has contributed much toward the commercial standing of the community and, his business relations being conducted on the basis of honesty, he is looked upon as one of the most reliable men in the vicinity, justly meriting the respect in which he is held as a representative citizen of the county.

JESSE W. HURSEY.

Jesse W. Hursey, clerk of the courts at Newark to which position he was elected in 1906 for a second term, was born in Gratiot, Licking county, Ohio, April 20, 1862, his parents being Abram and Mary (Gordon) Hursey, both of whom were natives of the Buckeye state. The father was a farmer by occupation and

for many years was a resident of this county, becoming prominent in this locality. He served as justice of the peace in his township and filled other official positions, the duties of which he discharged in prompt and capable manner.

The environment of Jesse W. Hursey in his boyhood days was that of the home farm and of the district school. In the summer months he assisted in the work of the fields and in the winter seasons pursued his education. Later he had the opportunity of attending the Hanover graded school while subsequently he became a student in the Normal College at Zanesville. For eleven years he engaged in teaching school and proved a capable educator, imparting concisely and readily to others the knowledge that he had obtained. In September, 1898, he came to Newark to fill the position of deputy clerk under O. C. Larason, which position he filled for three years and in the fall of 1903 he was elected to his present position, assuming the duties in August, 1904. In the fall of 1906 he was reelected, being the only democrat on the county ticket elected at that time. However he was given a majority of nine hundred and eighty votes, a fact which is unmistakable evidence of his popularity and an equally strong endorsement of his service during his first term. He held the office of assessor of Hopewell township for two terms and his official record has always been creditable to himself and satisfactory to his constituents.

On the 27th of May, 1888, Mr. Hursey was married to Miss Laura Duncan, a native of Licking county, who died May 7, 1889. His fraternal relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Masons, the Modern Woodmen, the Eagles, the Knights of Pythias and the Elks, and he also belongs to the Rebekah lodge of Odd Fellows. He enjoys the respect of even his political opponents for they know that he is sincere and is loyal to his honest convictions. He exemplifies the fact expressed by Grover Cleveland that "a public office is a public trust" and it is well known that no trust reposed in Mr. Hursey has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree.

HARRY H. BAIRD.

Harry H. Baird, prominent in the financial and commercial circles of Pataskala, as cashier of the People's Banking Company and also as secretary of the Brooke Lumber Company, was born in Harrison township February 7, 1857, a son of Joseph and Margery (Fenell) Baird, his father having been a native of a town near Wheeling, West Virginia, and his mother of St. Clairsville, this state. They were united in marriage in Wheeling, West Virginia, and, having made the trip to this county in wagons, settled in Harrison township on a farm which was then woodland. Later Mr. Baird cleared this and spent his remaining days in the pursuit of agriculture, the farm containing three hundred and twenty acres situated a half mile from Pataskala. Prominent in religious circles, Joseph Baird was a deacon in the Presbyterian church and, being well known for his vocal attainments, was instructor and leader of the church choir and was also influential in the moral and spiritual life of the community. In his family were: Jane D., widow of C. H. Elliott, of Pataskala; Frank, a resident of Irving, Kansas; Colonel

J. H., deceased, a veteran of the Civil war who organized a company which participated in that conflict, and was well known in the general merchandise business here; Joshua, who lost his life at Little Rock, Arkansas, while a soldier in the Civil war; George, who passed away in his fourth year; Joseph, deceased, who had been engaged in the general merchandise business here; William, who passed away in his twenty-fourth year; Charles, who is living in retirement in this city; and Harry H.

On his father's farm situated a half mile from Pataskala Harry H. Baird was reared and assisted in the duties of agricultural life until the year 1877, in the meantime acquiring his preliminary education at the schools of Pataskala and subsequently completing a course of study at Reynoldsburg Academy. After graduating from that institution he taught school for three years or so and upon giving up that profession he went into partnership with his brothers in general merchandising, the firm being known as Baird Brothers. In this enterprise he continued for eighteen years and when the People's Banking Company was organized in 1904 he was appointed cashier, at which time he severed his business relations with his brothers to perform the duties of that office, in which he is still engaged. Among the other interests with which he is affiliated are the Brooke Lumber Company, being secretary of that organization, and the Farmers Telephone Company, organized in 1906, of which he is treasurer.

Mr. Baird wedded Jennie V. Joseph, a native of this place, and a daughter of Jacob and Martha V. Joseph. Mrs. Baird and her father are both now deceased. Mr. Baird has always been a supporter of the republican party and has taken considerable interest in local affairs, having served three years as county commissioner and is at present a member of the town council, to which he has belonged since the organization of that body at the incorporation of the town, twenty years ago. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church and, being a man of excellent characteristics, whose business relations have always been conducted on the basis of honesty and whose industry and enterprise have contributed largely to the financial standing of Pataskala, he is justly numbered among its influential and worthy citizens.

HARVEY COOPERRIDER.

Among those deserving mention for the part they are taking in sustaining and developing the agricultural interests of this county is Harvey Cooperrider, who operates a large farm in Newark township. He was born in Bowling Green township, Licking county, July 2, 1842, a son of Samuel and Dorcas (Spencer) Cooperrider. His father, a native of Pennsylvania, came to this county with his parents when he was six years of age, locating in Bowling Green township, where his father spent his remaining days, actively engaged in the routine of farm life, and was laid to rest in Goodhope cemetery, Perry county. He was well known throughout the community for his industry and at the time of his death left a six-hundred-acre farm, all of which is under cultivation and highly improved. Politically he was a strong supporter of the democratic party, being an able advo-

cate of its principles, and aside from casting his vote for its candidates was always ready to use his influence in order to bring the wisdom of his party policies to the attention of voters. He was a man against whose reputation nothing harmful could be said as his life was largely in harmony with the principles of Christianity as set forth by the Lutheran church, of which he was a zealous member. His wife, also a native of Pennsylvania, was united in marriage in Perry county but died in Licking county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cooperrider were born ten children, namely: Austin, Eliza and Margaret, all deceased; Julia Ann, wife of Harvey Johnston, an agriculturist of Bowling Green township; Oliver, deceased; Harvey; Levi, deceased; Alvia, an agriculturist of Bowling Green township; and Henry and Louise, both deceased.

Harvey Cooperrider was educated in the district schools of Bowling Green township and remained at home until he was twenty-six years of age, when he farmed for himself for three years, at the expiration of which period he became associated with his brother Levi in the flour milling business at Glenford, Perry county, the two conducting this enterprise in partnership for fifteen years, when he disposed of his interests and returned to tilling the soil, in which he has since been engaged. His farm embraces one hundred and fifty acres, all of which is improved, his premises being provided with a modern dwelling house, a substantial barn and modern machinery with which to carry on farming. Here he engages in producing general crops, making a specialty of breeding Chester White hogs, all of his stock being thoroughbreds.

In 1868 Mr. Cooperrider was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Mather-spaugh, a native of Franklin township, by whom he had three children: Orren Elsworth, who wedded Miss Laura Dean, and resides on a farm in Franklin township; Homer Allen, who married Captola Orr and lives in Franklin township; and Florence Edward, deceased.

The principles of the democratic party have always appealed to Mr. Cooperrider and he has always voted the democratic ticket because he is firmly convinced of the fact that should its policies be put in vogue throughout the country the nation's prosperity would be greatly enhanced and its financial system placed upon a substantial foundation and thereby relieved from crises. He belongs to the Lutheran church, of which his wife is also a member and as his life is in close touch with the principles of the faith he professes, he is a worthy citizen, not only because of his enterprise but also on account of his moral example.

MRS. M. A. WAGNER.

Mrs. M. A. Wagner, who has the distinction of being the oldest member now in the Homer Presbyterian church, is the widow of E. M. Wagner, who was born in Union county, Pennsylvania, November 9, 1827, and for many years was an enterprising and substantial farmer of Burlington township. He was a son of William and Christina (Beaver) Wagner, who were also natives of the Keystone state, and was one of a family of twelve children, four of whom survive, namely: William, Y. H. and Esther, residents of California; and John M., who resides in

the state of Iowa. Mr. Wagner received his education in the district schools of his native county, where he worked on his father's farm until the year 1851, when he removed to this county and located in Burlington township. Upon his arrival he rented a farm which he cultivated for several years and then purchased land for himself which, during his days of activity, he highly improved, following general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising until he departed this life, November 19, 1899, leaving his widow and one son, Daniel H., who now has the management of the farm. He was laid to rest in the cemetery at Homer.

Mrs. Wagner was a daughter of John W. and Mary Catherine (Hummel) Hoy, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania and in the year 1851 removed to this county, where they lived until they departed this life. They reared a family of three children, namely: Sallie, deceased; John T., who resides in Muskingum county, Ohio; and Mrs. M. A. Wagner. The last named resides on the farm which for many years was under cultivation by her husband. It embraces fifty-nine acres and in every respect is highly improved, constituting one of the finest farms in the county. Throughout her life she has been very dutiful in her domestic relations, and particularly as to the performance of her religious obligations, always having been a faithful attendant of the Presbyterian church. Her life has been well spent and she has always manifested those traits and qualities which are requisite to a high type of Christian character, and in her declining years can contemplate with gladness the dawning of the morning joy when will come the summons to call her to her eternal home.

WILLIAM YOUST.

For upwards of half a century William Youst has been interested in the occupation of farming in this county, and during that time, through his energy and industry, has met with splendid success, being now the owner of a large tract of valuable and productive land, well improved. Here he has a comfortable residence, capacious barns and other outbuildings and the machinery necessary to conveniently carry on the farming work. Eighty years ago, on July 16, 1829, his birth occurred in Hampshire county, Virginia, where he resided until he was twenty-three years of age. During that time he acquired his education in the district schools and also labored at farm work, thereby acquiring that experience and proficiency which enabled him to progress step by step in agricultural lines until he placed himself in comfortable circumstances. When about the age of twenty-three years he removed to the state of Ohio and located in Knox county, remaining there for a period of two years or more, during which time he successfully operated a saw mill and also a grist mill.

These enterprises rewarded him in large measure for his toil, but thinking that he might add to his prosperity in some other location, he removed to Licking county in the year 1855. Here he remained for five years, continuing his milling business, when he again changed his location and removed to Darke county, where he remained for upwards of four years, at the expiration of which time he had laid by considerable means. Upon returning to Licking county he invested a

portion of his money in a farm situated west of Homer. Mr. Youst here engaged in general agricultural pursuits until the year 1883, when he had an offer for his property which would enable him to part with it at a profit and he sold the farm, after which he invested in the one hundred and twenty-five acres of land on which he is now living. Since making this purchase he has carried on general farming and engages in raising various kinds of grain. He has the entire tract under cultivation, and although his advanced age does not permit him to give to his farm the attention and energy of his youthful days—he is now eighty years old—yet he is still in good health and may be seen around his premises still performing general farm labor. Mr. Youst is in comfortable circumstances, and his success in life is due entirely to his own energies. He had little educational training to assist him, as he only attended the district school during the winter season, but his practical experience was broad and his enterprise, aggressiveness and excellent business judgment made up for deficiencies in other lines and enabled him to pursue the vocation of farming with splendid success, so that now he is able to take his leisure and enjoy the reward of his honest and unremitting toil.

On October 12, 1854, Mr. Youst was united in marriage with Miss Sarah C. Laramore, whose birth occurred in the state of Virginia in 1829. To this union were born eight children: Loren and Ella, both of whom are deceased; John E., who resides in Knox county, Ohio; Charles, who resides in Homer; Lewis E., of Columbus, Ohio; Gertrude, wife of William Beever, of this county; R. F., in Homer; and Joseph S., at home. Mrs. Youst departed this life August 22, 1901, and was laid to rest in the Homer cemetery. Her long years of faithful companionship and motherly regard have an abiding place in the thought of those whom she left behind and will ever cause them to mourn her departure. Mr. Youst is an adherent of the Presbyterian faith. In politics he gives his allegiance to the democratic party because after candid deliberation he considers its principles best adapted to insure the permanent peace and prosperity of the nation. He has always been held in profound respect as a citizen and has served the township faithfully for a number of years as a trustee.

JAMES S. ORR.

James S. Orr, who is engaged in general farming, having under cultivation a tract of land covering something over five hundred and fifty acres in Licking county, is a native of Bowling Green township, his birth having occurred July 22, 1843. His parents were Benjamin and Eliza (Dustheimer) Orr. The father, a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, located in Licking county at a very early date. Here he followed general agricultural lines with some attention to stock-raising until his death, when he was interred near Linville. In politics he was always allied with the democratic party to the principles of which he had given a great deal of study, by which he was forced to the conclusion that their adoption by the government was the only feasible plan by which the country could avert panics and be assured of general prosperity. His wife was also a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, but they were united in marriage in Licking county, where she

also died, her burial being in Fairmount cemetery. They were the parents of the following children: Enos, Charlotta, Jeremiah, Elizabeth, and Eliza, all of whom are deceased; William, who is in Wabash county, Indiana; Anthony, a prosperous farmer of Bowling Green township; Silas, who follows agricultural pursuits in Jersey township; George W., a successful farmer, residing in Franklin township; Sarah and Margaret, both of whom are deceased; Phoebe, who is the wife of N. S. Corsen, of Washington county, Indiana, and James S.

James S. Orr was born and reared on the farm in Bowling Green township, where during the winter season he pursued his studies in the district school, in the meantime engaging in the labors of the farm. After having passed through the successive grades he remained at home and devoted his entire time and attention to the work of the fields. When about twenty-six years of age he began to farm for himself and met with such splendid success that he soon became the owner of a five hundred and fifty acre tract of land, all of which is highly improved and submits to the highest class of cultivation. The premises are in excellent condition, being furnished with an attractive residence, capacious barns and numerous other buildings, all of which are evidences of his own labor and the results of his incessant toil. He engages in the production of wheat and oats in large measure and in raising general crops. In stock-raising he makes a specialty of sheep for which he has gained a wide reputation throughout the county. Although he has attained the age of sixty-six years, he still retains exceptional health and vigor and is active in participating in the general affairs of his business. He has always been inspired by enterprise and progressiveness and has sacrificed both leisure and comfort in order to make sure the way of success, which he is now realizing in his present substantial prosperity.

In the year 1867 Mr. Orr was united in marriage with Miss Louisa Burge and they are the parents of the following children: B. R., of Brownsville, Ohio; Laura, wife of John Redding, a farmer of Bowling Green township; Della, who was united in marriage with Nathan Mack of the same district; Zoa, wife of John Mack, whose farm adjoins that of his brother Nathan; Ammy, wife of Ernest Cooperrider, of Bowling Green township; Edith, at home; Burge; and Jess, who is engaged in farming in Bowling Green township. Mr. Orr is a democrat, not because he credulously follows others who have allied themselves with that party, but because of having given the principles of the party thorough study. He is held in high esteem throughout the community for his honesty, good judgment and executive ability and has served the community as township trustee and also as supervisor of roads. His wife is an adherent of the old Baptist church and genuine worth has gained them many friends.

J. N. STONE, M. D.

Dr. J. N. Stone, a respected and honored representative of the medical fraternity in Newark, is a native son of Licking county, having first opened his eyes to the light of day within its borders June 1, 1861. His father, Evan P. Stone, was a native of Georgetown, D. C., and in 1843 arrived in Licking county. He en-

gaged in merchandizing in various parts of the county and was an enterprising and successful business man who controlled important and prosperous interests. He married Lovina Morgan, a native of Muskingum county, and both are now deceased, the former passing away on the 17th of June, 1891, while the mother survived until 1907.

Dr. Stone was a pupil of the public schools of the county until he was graduated from the Hanover high school. He engaged in teaching when he was but fifteen years of age and at intervals followed that profession until he determined upon the practice of medicine as his life work and to this end began reading. He attended the Starling Medical College at Columbus and was graduated in 1892, after which he opened an office in Hanover where he continued in active practice until 1898. He then sought the opportunities of the city, and in a general practice here has met with excellent success, a liberal patronage being accorded him. Recognizing fully the responsibilities and obligations that devolve upon a physician, he faithfully performed his duties day by day and gained therefrom inspiration and strength for the labors of the succeeding day. He is competent to meet the highest demands made upon a general practitioner, for his reading has been wide and varied and he has continually studied along lines that assist in solving the intricate professional problems or bring to man the key to the complex mystery which we call life.

In 1892 Dr. Stone was married to Miss Hallie E. Welsh, a native of Muskingum county, and they have one daughter, Frances, who is now a high school student. Dr. Stone belongs to the Masonic fraternity and the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and other associations. His friends find him a genial gentleman whose companionship they prize, while his work well merits the high regard which is uniformly given it.

DAVID M. GEIGER.

Among the enterprises which have been largely influential in bringing prosperity to Licking county are the Hebron Flour Mills, of which David M. and Peter H. Geiger are proprietors. He was born in Union township December 5, 1859, a son of David and Nancy (Roads) Geiger, his ancestors having for many generations been identified with the farming interests of this section of the state, his grandparents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Houdeshell) Geiger, having come from Virginia with their parents and located in Fairfield county in childhood. They reared four sons and four daughters, all of whom reached years of maturity. This number included David Geiger, whose birth occurred in Fairfield county, Ohio, near Pleasantville. He wedded Nancy Roads, a daughter of Abram and Annie (Beaver) Roads, natives of Virginia. Mrs. Geiger was a native of Licking county, where she spent her entire life and passed away in August, 1903, in her seventy-eighth year, having survived her husband twenty-nine years, his death having occurred May 14, 1874, when he was fifty-two years of age. Mr. Geiger followed farming here all his days and at his death left three hundred acres of excellent land. In their family were ten children, namely: Jacob Melville, who passed away in his

twelfth year; Emily N., wife of Louis Ruffner, both of whom are residents of Fairfield county; Worthington R., an agriculturist of Union township; Clara M., who wedded David House, of Hebron; Peter H., who also resides in that place; Jesse E. O., who has extensive farming interests in Union township; David M.; Lucy Melcina, a resident of Newark; Rhoda A., who lives with her husband, D. E. Stewart, in Newark; and Theophilus S., an agriculturist of Union township.

On the home farm Mr. Geiger spent his boyhood days, occupied with the plowing, planting and harvesting from early spring until late fall and attending the neighboring schools during the short winter terms. Having acquired his education he made his first venture in the business world as a clerk in a meat market in Hebron, where he remained for two years, at the termination of which period he was apprenticed to a miller and after learning the trade purchased a half interest in the Hebron Flour Mills. From 1885 to 1891 he was in partnership with William Bebout, whose interest he subsequently purchased and became sole owner and proprietor of the enterprise but has since been joined by his brother Peter in the present firm relation. David Geiger is thoroughly familiar with the business, which is proving a successful venture. The mill is thoroughly equipped with modern appliances and has a complete roller process, the business being conducted on the general custom basis for toll or cash, and flour and feed is exchanged for grain. His excellent business judgment and careful management have enabled Mr. Geiger to greatly increase his volume of trade since he undertook full management of the concern, which is now one of the leading industries in this part of the state.

On July 2, 1890, Mr. Geiger wedded Miss Lily White, a daughter of Samuel and Ella White, natives of Union township, and the couple have since been living together in the enjoyment of domestic happiness. For about eight years, prior to her marriage Mrs. Geiger was a teacher in the public schools of Hebron, and her efficiency in that profession was widely acknowledged. Unto this marriage two children were born: Mary Lois, in March, 1897; and Mildred Ruth, in July, 1903. Mr. Geiger has given his political support to the democratic party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He is a man of marked industry who in all his business affairs has displayed sound judgment and keen discrimination. Moreover he possesses a resolute spirit which enables him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

ELI A. PRATT.

Macaulay has said that "the history of a country is best told in the lives of its people." History is no longer a record of wars and conquests but the tale of business development, commercial, industrial and agricultural progress, and the leading men of the community are not military leaders but those who control the veins and arteries of trade and traffic. In this connection Eli A. Pratt deserves mention as one of the representative farmers of Monroe township and a member of one of the oldest and most honored pioneer families. He was born August 27, 1858, and is a member of two of the earliest, most prominent and influential families of Licking county. His father, John Pratt, was also born in Monroe town-

ship near Johnstown. His son Eli now resides on the farm where his father spent most of his entire life, his death occurring on the old homestead in November, 1897, at an advanced age. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Louisa Crocker and her parents were among the first settlers of this part of the state. She, too, was born in Licking county, and her last days were spent on the old homestead farm, where she had lived from the time of her marriage. It was on the 4th of August, 1905, that she departed this life and her death was deeply regretted by many who had known and loved her. The grandfather, Major Eli Pratt, came to Licking county from Pennsylvania when a young man and was among the most active and influential residents of his day in developing the county and founding the institutions which have been creditable forces in its material, intellectual and moral development. As the years passed he was actively engaged in transforming the wild land into a rich and productive farm and both he and his son, John Pratt, became large landowners and extensive farmers. In their work they were progressive as well as practical and their labors resulted in making the Pratt homestead one of the fine farms of the county.

Eli A. Pratt was reared on the old home place and found employment there, being busily engaged with the work of the fields from his early youth. When the farm work was over for the year he had the privilege of attending the country schools and he also continued his education in the schools of Johnstown. When twenty years of age he went west, imbued with a spirit which prompts many young men to leave home and learn something of life in other parts of the country. For two years he found employment with the farmers of Iowa and Illinois but, becoming convinced that there was no more desirable place of residence than Ohio, he returned to this state in December, 1879, and again engaged in farm work with his father. The lessons of diligence, industry and honesty which were early impressed upon his mind have borne fruit in later years, making him one of the prosperous and reliable agriculturists of the county.

On the 2d of August, 1885, Mr. Pratt was united in marriage to Miss Anna Hursey, daughter of Simon and Charlotte (Bateson) Hursey, of Delaware county. Following his marriage Mr. Pratt began farming for himself, upon a tract of land which he purchased in Monroe township near the Delaware county line. There year after year he tilled the fields and harvested his crops, remaining upon that place until March, 1906, when he purchased from the heirs the old home farm, where his parents had so long resided and which thus again became the Pratt family homestead. Here he is now living with his family of four children, two sons and two daughters, John R., Benjamin H., Milley L. and Charlotta Louisa.

In addition to his extensive farming interests Mr. Pratt was engaged for three years, beginning in 1891, in the hay and grain business in Johnstown, and was an extensive buyer and shipper of farm products. He has also been for some years a large stock raiser and also a dealer in stock at certain seasons of the year, buying and shipping to the markets of this and other states. His business interests have become extensive and important and have been well managed. Tireless energy, keen perception and a genius for formulating and executing well devised plans, are salient characteristics in his business career and have proven elements in a success which is as honorable as it is gratifying.

In addition to his growing and prosperous interests, Mr. Pratt has held to the opinion that public affairs demand a certain share of every man's time and attention and he has never been tardy in performing what he considers a public duty. The work of general improvement and all movements calculated to promote the public good have ever found in him a supporter and cooperant factor. He has served the public as justice of the peace and as school director and in other public capacities and his aid in matters of general welfare is never sought in vain. He is a republican in politics and in 1900 he was census enumerator for his township. He takes an active interest in promoting the growth and securing the success of his party, while frequently he serves as a delegate to county, district and state conventions. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, his membership being in their respective lodges in Johnstown. He is emphatically a prominent man of the community and is not only active in business but has also been influential in promoting the best interests of all the people and contributing to public prosperity as well as to individual success.

BERNARD J. MATTINGLY.

Stock-raising and general farming command the attention of Bernard J. Mattingly in Jersey township, this county, where he has resided for a number of years. His birth occurred in Muskingum county, March 22, 1861. His parents were Christopher and Theresa (Durbin) Mattingly, his father, who was a son of James Mattingly of the state of Maryland, having gone to Muskingum county, in 1849. He made the trip from his native home in Maryland over the rugged mountain trails on horseback and when he arrived in Muskingum county he had little capital but possessed what was of far greater worth to him—a strong constitution and ambition to succeed. Being a man of sterling qualities and thoroughly honest, his ambition to succeed materialized, as is manifest from the fact that he is now probably the largest individual landowner in that county, not only possessing large farms there but at the same time owning a vast acreage in Knox and Licking counties. Upon coming to Ohio he earned his first money by rail-splitting but subsequently, through industry, honesty, frugality and perseverance, he won prosperity until he is now one of the most considerable financial factors in his county. He is also well known through his contributions to public and private charities. He has reared, educated and comfortably established in life a large family, and among his children are: James, of Zanesville; the Rev. Jerome B. Mattingly, pastor of the Catholic church at Lancaster, Ohio; Ida, who became the wife of John McLaughlin, a farmer of Muskingum county; Dennis, also an agriculturist of that county, now residing on the old homestead of six hundred acres; Bernard J.; and Mary, deceased. The parents now reside near Zanesville, Ohio. Mrs. Mattingly is a descendant of the Durbin family of Knox county, well known and prominent in the affairs of that county.

On his father's farm Bernard J. Mattingly was reared and during his boyhood days engaged in agricultural duties, in the meantime attending the district school where he acquired his education. He remained on the home farm until his

marriage, when he began farming for himself on the Baptist Durbin farm, the old homestead of his mother's people, located in Knox county, where he remained until the year 1889, when he removed to his present farm, where he has since devoted his time to general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. He has an excellent tract of land containing four hundred acres, and makes a specialty of buying and shipping cattle, sheep and hogs. He was formerly one of the largest shippers of stock to eastern markets from this locality and also made extensive shipments of hay and grain. His farm is highly improved, being provided with a modern home, a capacious barn and other buildings, is also well fenced and drained, and in every particular is one of the finest pieces of land in the county.

On August 10, 1886, Mr. Mattingly was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Sapp, a daughter of George and Delia Ann (White) Sapp, her father being a well known farmer of Knox county, while her mother departed this life several years ago. To Mr. and Mrs. Mattingly were born: Christopher; George C.; Mary Ann; Jerome F., deceased; Lucy; Theresa; Burnadette, deceased; and Grace Genevieve. Mr. Mattingly is a democrat and takes a deep interest in the affairs of his party, always doing what he can by his influence during campaigns to secure the election of its candidates. He has served the township as trustee and has also officiated on the school board of Knox and Licking counties, but not being ambitious for public preferment he does not seek higher office as he wishes rather to devote his time to his private business affairs. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, meeting at Johnstown, and with the members of his family attends the Catholic church. He is held in high regard by all who know him and always favors every measure providing for public improvement and which, in his opinion, will in any degree promote the interests of the community. Mr. Mattingly has an ideal country home, permeated with refinement and culture, and his wife, who is a noble, christian lady, is well known throughout the community for her charity and hospitality. In addition to his country residence he also owns considerable business property and a dwelling in Johnstown, the house being furnished and always ready for the reception of the members of his family when they desire to spend a few months in the city.

MILTON KELSEY.

The commercial interests of Hebron find a worthy representative in Milton Kelsey, who is now conducting an extensive business as a dealer in lumber and building material. He possesses strong purpose and indefatigable energy and these qualities enable him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. As he is widely recognized as a leading business man of the community, his record cannot fail to prove of interest to many of our readers. He was born in 1860, in Hebron, and has always remained a resident of the village, with the development and growth of which the name of Kelsey has been long inseparably connected. His father was Ira E. Kelsey, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this volume. Milton Kelsey was reared under the parental roof and attended the public schools of Hebron, afterward spending three years in the state uni-

versity. Starting out in business life, he worked for his father in the tile factory until 1891, when, owing to his father's death, he succeeded to the business, which he managed for three years. He then entered the shipping business as a dealer in hay and grain and continued in this field until the fall of 1908, his annual sales amounting to about one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, and recently he erected a storeroom. On retiring from the hay and grain business he became a dealer in lumber and building material and has since been thus identified with the commercial interests of his native town. In addition to his business interests in Hebron he owns fifty acres, constituting a good farm within the corporation limits of the village.

Mr. Kelsey was married in 1887 to Miss Mary Hutchison, of Basil, Ohio, who died leaving one son, Irving, who is with his father in business. For twenty years Mr. Kelsey remained a widower and then was married in 1908 to Mrs. Minnie Carlile Faller. In his fraternal relations he is connected with the Masonic Lodge of Hebron and with the Warren Chapter, R. A. M., at Newark. In politics he is independent and is also interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community. He has served as a member of the village council and on the board of education. The same spirit of progressiveness characterizes his public service as is manifested in his control of his private business interests. Recognizing the fact that industry and diligence are the basis of all success, he has used those qualities in gaining the prosperity which he now enjoys. By the consensus of public opinion he is regarded as one of the leading business men and representative citizens of this part of the county.

JURDON PATTERSON.

For something over one hundred years the Patterson family has been identified with the agricultural and stock-raising interests of this county. Early in the nineteenth century his ancestors located in this region, being among the pioneer settlers who came into this section of the country when the land was in its primitive condition and, bravely meeting the hardships and privations of pioneer life, assisted in its cultivation until it was transformed into fertile fields. In those early days one could not come into that region and buy or rent a farm which stood in readiness for cultivation because most of the land was in its original state and had never felt the plowshare nor produced crops of waving grain. Timber and stony ground greeted the eyes of the first settlers and while the soil was good, yet, being overgrown with underbrush and in every respect in a rough state, it was only by hard and incessant labor that they were able to convert it into pleasant and fruitful farming country. It was in Burlington township, on August 27, 1827, that the birth of Jurdon Patterson occurred. He was the son of Adam and Ann (Crow) Patterson and his father was born in Augusta county, Virginia, and his mother near Wheeling, West Virginia. In the year 1810 Adam Patterson emigrated to Licking county from his old home in Virginia and purchased a large tract of land which he cleared and put into condition for farming and upon which he lived and labored until he departed this life, in April, 1855, preceding his wife

into that land from which no traveler returns by forty-five years. They reared a family of seven children, the following ones surviving: Matilda, wife of E. R. Moore; Cordelia, who was united in marriage with A. Householder, of this township; Addison; and Jurdon.

In his boyhood days Jurdon Patterson attended the district schools during the winter season and in the summer time assisted his father in his labors on the farm. He remained at home, engaging daily in agricultural pursuits, until he attained the age of twenty-eight years and about that time, his father retiring from active life, he rented the homestead which he cultivated for a period of ten years, during which time he was especially successful and succeeded in accumulating the means with which to purchase a farm for himself. He bought seventy acres of land in Burlington township, which he cultivated and upon which he lived until the year 1870, when he removed to the farm which he now has under cultivation. He has altogether two hundred and thirteen acres of excellent land. He is among the enterprising and progressive farmers of the county and through careful management and hard work has become a wealthy and prosperous husbandman and has also won the respect of the entire community.

In the year 1855 Mr. Patterson wedded Miss Ellen Folley, a native of the state of Virginia. To this union was born one daughter. His wife passed away in the year 1856 and Mr. Patterson, in 1861, was united in marriage with Mary A. Warner, of this county. They had two children, one of whom died in infancy. The other, Mary E., is the wife of L. L. Edman, who resides in Burlington township. Mrs. Patterson departed this life in 1863 and Mr. Patterson afterward wedded Eliza Stevens, who died January 20, 1867. Mr. Patterson next married Mrs. Amy Keckley, with whom he is now living. Mr. Patterson gives his political support to the democratic party in the principles of which he is a firm believer. He is a man of exceptional executive and administrative ability, as well as of keen business judgment, and has been called upon to serve the county in several responsible positions such as school director, county trustee and justice of the peace three terms. He has spent a long and useful life, being now in his eighty-second year, all of which time he has devoted to agricultural interests, and while he does not engage as actively in farming pursuits as in former days his health and vigor still permits him to attend to many farm duties although he prefers now to enjoy somewhat of the leisure and comfort with which his hard and earnest toil has generously rewarded him.

PETER H. GEIGER.

Peter H. Geiger, who for some time conducted a general store in Kirkersville, and subsequently engaged in general farming one mile north of Hebron but is now in partnership with his brother David, operating the Hebron Flour mills, was born near Hebron, Licking county, November 14, 1854, a son of David and Nancy (Roads) Geiger. The paternal grandfather, Jacob Geiger, served in the war of 1812 and departed this life at Pleasantville, this state. In the last named place, a small town of Fairfield county, David Geiger was born in 1822 while his wife's

birth occurred in 1825, in Union township, where they located after their marriage. There Mr. Geiger spent his remaining days, entering into rest May 14, 1874, his wife, who survived him by twenty-nine years, passing away in the year 1903. He followed agricultural pursuits all his days on a farm containing three hundred and twenty-five acres and was well known throughout the community as an upright and industrious man. He was also a staunch democrat who was always enthusiastic in presenting the principles of his party. While he was not affiliated with any religious body he attended divine services with his wife who was a member of the Baptist church. Mrs. Geiger belonged to a family well known in this part of the state as they came here in the early part of the century when much of the land was occupied by the Indians. They were among the advance guards of civilization through whose energies the forest lands were cleared away and the ground made ready for cultivation. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Geiger were born ten children: Jacob M., who passed away in his twelfth year; Emily, who resides in Fairfield county, near Hebron; Worthington R., who lives in Union township; Clara, the wife of David House, residing in Hebron; Jesse E., who resides on the old homestead a mile and a half west of Hebron; David M., who is in partnership with his brother; Peter H., in the milling business; Theophilus F., who operates a farm situated in Union township a mile and a half south of Hebron; Millie, who resides with a sister in Newark; and Rhoda, the wife of Elmer Stewart, of Newark.

On the farm with his parents Peter H. Geiger was reared, becoming acquainted with the work of the fields under the supervision of his father and acquiring his education in the village school. He remained at home until he was nineteen years of age, at which time he went to Fairfield county, where he remained for six years, cultivating thirty-five acres of land which he owned. At the expiration of that period, disposing of his property there, he invested in one hundred acres of land in Lawrence county, Tennessee, which he tilled for two years and then traded for a general store in Kirkersville. After conducting the business for the brief period of two months, he became dissatisfied with the enterprise and, disposing of his interests, purchased the farm in Fairfield county which he formerly owned, there spending six years. He next located on a farm one mile north of Hebron, where he tilled his fields for about eleven years, when he sold out and purchased an interest in the Hebron mills in 1903. In this enterprise he is in partnership with his brother David M., and the plant is one of the largest of the kind in this part of the county, being thoroughly equipped with modern machinery and the most advanced milling processes, the capacity of the mill being fifty barrels. Since associating himself with this enterprise Mr. Geiger, through his industry and business ability, has succeeded in adding largely to the volume of trade, which is gradually increasing so that the mill is among the most remunerative industries of the township.

In 1880 Mr. Geiger wedded Rachael Parrish, who was born in Walnut township, Fairfield county, Ohio, October 14, 1856, and is a daughter of Alfred and Jemima (Parrish) Parrish. Mr. and Mrs. Geiger had three children: Gertrude, who entered into rest in her twenty-first year; and Perry C. and Frederick L., who reside with their parents. Mr. Geiger gives his support to the democratic party and although he does not aspire to office and is not an active politician he

is familiar with the political situations of the day and is sufficiently interested in his party as to use his influence as well as his vote during campaigns to secure the election of its candidates. He is a liberal supporter of the Baptist church, where he and his wife attend services and, being a man who is upright in all his dealings, endeavoring as nearly as possible to conduct himself in harmony with the teachings of his church, he is a most desirable citizen and is held in high favor as a business man throughout the county.

JOHN P. SWISHER.

John P. Swisher, long prominent in agricultural circles of Union township, Licking county, is now living in retirement after a long life devoted to farming. He was born October 14, 1837, in Lima township, a son of Joseph and Dorothy (Houser) Swisher, his father having been a native of Virginia, while his mother was a native of Ohio. In their family were seven children, namely: Sarah, who became the wife of Oscar F. Wilson, of Columbus, Ohio; O. Rhoda, who was united in marriage to Ebenezer Graham, and lives in Madison, Indiana; John P., our subject; Nancy, the wife of George Whitehead; Mary, a resident of Columbus, Ohio; Jacob Sennett, who lives in Colorado; and Stephen, who makes his home in Omaha.

On his father's farm in Lima township John P. Swisher spent his boyhood days, acquiring his preliminary education in the neighboring schools and subsequently taking a three years' course in the Columbus high school. After completing his studies he remained on the home farm until he was seventeen years of age, and then taught school for awhile, later serving as a clerk for about eight years, at the expiration of which time he commenced farming in Licking township. He began his agricultural life on a farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres which he had obtained from his father-in-law, and to which from time to time he added until he owned a magnificent place consisting of something over six hundred acres. He has since given his son and his son-in-law each a farm of one hundred acres, and sold to them the reservoir farm, and has retired from active life and removed to Hebron locating in an elegant new residence on Basin street, in which he still resides.

On March 4, 1861, Mr. Swisher wedded Miss Sarah Green, a daughter of Benjamin and Mary Green, born in 1839. They were the parents of two children, namely: Karey A., who resides in Millersport, Ohio, engaged with a Mr. Pence in the hay and grain business. He married Florence Stoolfire, a daughter of Charles Stoolfire, and they have one daughter, Louise; and Mary, who became the wife of George Stinson, of Utica, Ohio, and has had five children, two of whom survive, namely, Carl and Thelma. Mr. Swisher does not ally himself with any particular political party, as it has always been his opinion that one should vote for the candidate, after having duly considered his qualifications, rather than for party principles. Consequently he reserves the right to examine the ballots of the several political cults and mark his ticket independently. For forty-seven years he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is an active worker and of which he has served as steward for some time. Being a man possessed of those

qualities of character which add dignity to his person and command respect, he has been very influential in his community, endeavoring to live in obedience to the teachings of Christ, in whom he anchors his hope for a higher and better life. His industry and enterprise have not only been a benefit to him and his family, but also to the entire county, in the financial circles of which he figures prominently, being a stockholder in the Hebron Bank, the Park National Bank of Newark, and the Millersport Bank. He is favorably known throughout that entire region and enjoys both the confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact.

McKINDRA D. SHRADER.

No history of Johnstown would be complete without extended and personal reference to McKindra D. Shrader who is now the efficient and popular mayor of the city and is giving to Johnstown a practical, businesslike administration and is, moreover, well known through his connection with commercial interests here, being a dealer in hay, grain, live stock, vehicles and farm implements. A gentleman of determined spirit and progressive ideas, he carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, and it was through no wish on his part but as the result of a desire on the part of his fellow townsmen that he consented to become the chief executive officer.

Mr. Shrader was born in Liberty township, Licking county, February 14, 1860, and is a son of Eliud and Lucy (Wise) Shrader. In his boyhood days the father came from Pennsylvania to Ohio with his parents and was reared in this state. The mother was a native of Muskingum county, Ohio, and spent her entire life here. Eliud Shrader followed the occupation of farming as a life work and his son, McKindra D. Shrader, remained upon the homestead farm until he was twenty-three years of age. His education was obtained in the district schools of the neighborhood, and when not busy with his text-books he gave his attention to the work of the fields, assisting in the cultivation of the crops from the time of early spring planting until after the harvests were gathered in the late autumn. He was married on the 18th of September, 1883, to Miss Alda Emerson, a daughter of Monroe and Charity (Platt) Emerson. Two children have been born of this union, Grace, now the wife of Ralph Hubbard, and Roe, who is engaged in clerical work.

For six years after his marriage Mr. Shrader engaged in farming in Liberty township and then put aside the work of the fields to become connected with the commercial interests of Johnstown. He became a dealer in hay, grain, vehicles, farm implements and live stock, and from 1895 until 1903 was engaged in the lumber, coal and live stock business at Alexandria, Licking county. While residing there he was called to public office, serving as clerk of St. Albans township for five years, and also as township trustee for two years. Since his removal to Johnstown he has engaged extensively in the hay, grain, live stock, vehicle and farm implement business and is reckoned among the largest and most successful dealers in his line. By energy and close application he has built up a profitable business. No matter in how much fantastic theorizing one may indulge as to the cause of suc-

cess, a careful analysis will always reveal the fact that persistency of purpose and unremitting industry constitute the foundation upon which prosperity rests. Mr. Shrader's life history is another exemplification of this fact. With him a promise made or a pledge given has ever been regarded as a sacred obligation, and at all times his commercial integrity has stood as an unquestioned fact in his career.

While Mr. Shrader is preeminently a business man, his fellow townsmen recognized in him the qualities that make for efficient, faithful and progressive service in public office and, contrary to his ambitions and wishes, he was elected mayor of Johnstown in February, 1907. His administration is proving the wisdom of the people in selecting him as the head of the town government. In politics he has always given his allegiance to the republican party and has ever been interested in its success, yet from no desire for office but because he believes its principles are most conducive to the welfare of the state and nation. He is a member of the uniformed rank of the Knights of Pythias and of the Modern Woodmen of America. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church with which he has been identified since fourteen years of age, and stands as a high type of the honorable and upright citizen, reliable and energetic business man and the faithful friend.

FRED B. MORELAND.

General agriculture and stock-raising have commanded the attention of Fred B. Moreland of Lima township for many years, although recently he has withdrawn somewhat from active life and is living in retirement. He was born near St. Louisville, in Newton township, Licking county, January 2, 1840, a son of Philip F. and Elizabeth (Wortham) Moreland, natives of Virginia. His grandparents were Bazel and Margaret (Foss) Moreland, the former a native of Maryland. They were united in marriage in Virginia, and came from that state to Ohio with a family of twelve children, all of whom were married and reared large families. Philip Moreland was born in 1815 and departed this life on the farm now in possession of his son, Fred B., in 1875, and his wife, born March 13, 1819, is now residing with her children in this township. She was a daughter of Theodore and Martha (Burdette) Wortham, who came overland by wagon to Newton township, this county, subsequently settling in Lima township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Philip Moreland was a farmer all his life and he owned four hundred acres of land, to which he had given sufficient attention to make it one of the most desirable in the township. In his family were four children, namely: Alonzo, who departed this life here October 1, 1908; Frederick B.; Susan, wife of William Slain, of Lima township; and Bun Moreland.

On his father's farm Fred B. Moreland was reared, and during his boyhood acquired his education in the district schools. He was about ten years of age when his parents removed to Lima township and here he has since resided with the exception of four years spent in Knox county. He assisted in performing the duties of the home farm until he was united in marriage, at which period of his life he purchased ground for himself and engaged in agricultural pursuits independently. For many years he tilled an excellent farm containing one hundred acres, which

he disposed of in 1900 and at present he has a thirty acre farm, which is all he desires to care for since his sons have married and left home. He has followed general farming all his life in connection with stock-raising and in both has been quite successful, but in recent years, being in comfortable circumstances, he decided to give up active life for the most part and enjoy the fruits of his long season of toil in retirement.

On October 2, 1861, Mr. Moreland was united in marriage to Frances Reece, who was born in Granville township, October 21, 1843, a daughter of John and Judith (Jones) Reece, natives of Wales, who came to Granville at an early date with their parents, her maternal grandparents having been Thomas and Sarah Jones, who had ten children, one of whom was born in Wales. Mrs. Frances (Reece) Moreland lost her mother when she was six weeks old and when eight years of age she was sent to Lima township to live with her uncle, John C. Jones, with whom she remained for twelve years. To Mr. and Mrs. Moreland were born: Clement and Eva, twins, she having died in infancy and he at the age of forty years, leaving a widow and three children, Claudine, Ethel Lee and Elsie G.; Elmer, of Columbia Center, who is married and has four children, Guy, Clair, Charles and Ned, while Theodore, the twin brother of Ned is deceased; Zona, who departed this life when nine years of age; and Mary, wife of Frederick Lewis.

Mr. Moreland is a stalwart democrat, being loyal to his party, and a firm believer in its principles. For three terms he has served as township trustee, has been assessor of the township for ten consecutive years and has served as land appraiser. He is a man who, on account of his intelligence and executive ability, has been chosen to serve in a number of responsible positions, among them being that of a director of the County Infirmary, in which position he officiated for six years. Mr. Moreland is a man of marked personality, being thoughtful and well informed, and by his industry and public spirit has contributed much to the general welfare of the community in which he is held in high respect.

S. V. RUGG.

S. V. Rugg, proprietor of a general merchandise establishment in Outville, Harrison township, conducting the enterprise in partnership with his son Francis M., is a native of New Lexington, Perry county, born in October, 1847, and a son of Samuel and Nancy (Imel) Rugg. The father, who was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, passed away at the advanced age of eighty-seven years, while the mother, a native of Perry county, departed this life in Alexandria, this county, when in her seventy-second year. Samuel Rugg, who had been active in agricultural life here for many years, was living in retirement at Newark, Ohio, when his life's career was terminated. In his family were the following children: Nathaniel, who died in Newark in 1905; S. V.; Amy, the wife of Leslie Wise, of Columbus, Ohio; Elijah P., a merchant of Outville; Ephraim T., a resident of Newark, Ohio, where he is engaged in banking, the real-estate business and manufacturing; John S., also of Newark; Katharine, a resident of Granville; Thomas, who lives in Newark; and Ella, the wife of James A. Blank, of Newark.

S. V. Rugg remained on the home farm with his parents until he was twenty years of age, in the meantime pursuing his education in the neighboring schools and completing a course of study in the New Lexington high school. He afterward located in McCuneville and engaged in general merchandising with John Storer, the firm being known as Storer & Rugg. Continuing in that partnership for about five years, at the termination of that period, in company with his brother Nathaniel, he engaged in business in McCuneville under the name of Rugg & Brother for two years and in 1875 came to Outville, where he has since resided. He continued the business with his brother Nathaniel, and later another brother, Elijah P., was admitted to the partnership. They conducted a general merchandise store, dealing extensively in hardware and at the same time running a railroad agency for the Baltimore & Ohio and Pennsylvania Companies. The three brothers continued in partnership until 1900 when Nathaniel severed his relation with the firm and went to Newark to take a position in the county treasurer's office under his brother Ephraim T., who was elected head of that department of the city, and Elijah P. also withdrew from the firm and is engaged in business for himself, the enterprise of this place being now solely under the control of S. V. Rugg. In connection with dealing largely in hardware and other merchandise he also trades in vehicles and harness. Recently he associated with him his son Francis M. and the firm is now known as S. V. Rugg & Son. Mr. Rugg owns the store building and the site upon which it stands and also two dwelling houses in Outville, one of which he rents, and he also has a fine farm of eighty acres located a mile and a half north of the town. He has been very successful in his business ventures and his industry and enterprise have made him one of the most influential commercial factors in the township.

In 1881 Mr. Rugg wedded Emma C. Alward, who was born near Granville, this county, a daughter of James and Martha Alward, and to this union have been born a son and two daughters: Francis M. wedded Isabelle Harrison, of Jersey, Ohio, and they have one child, Janice; Louise D. is the wife of Allen W. Smith, of Pataskala, and they have a son, Paul; and Beatrice, a pupil in the Pataskala high school. In politics Mr. Rugg is a democrat but the pressure of business has been so great as to prevent him from taking an active interest in the affairs of his party, although he has always been loyal to its candidates and regularly casts his vote to secure their election. He is a man of keen business judgment, whose industry has given him a high place in the commercial circles of the town of which he is a leading business man.

ELIJAH P. RUGG.

Elijah P. Rugg, long a prominent representative of commercial interests in Outville, was born September 21, 1852, in New Lexington, Perry county, Ohio, where he was reared on a farm until he was eighteen years of age, in the meantime availing himself of the educational advantages of the neighboring schools. At that period of his life he removed with his parents to a farm situated four miles north of Outville, in St. Albans township, later returning to his birthplace, where he

attended the high school. After his graduation he taught for four terms in Pick-away county, subsequently completing a course of study at the Pataskala high school, in which he later taught for two terms. He then spent one year on the farm, at the same time becoming interested in general merchandising with his brother in Outville. In 1898 they dissolved partnership and Elijah Rugg started in business for himself. His perseverance and enterprise have enabled him to acquire a large patronage and he has been so successful that his trade has enabled him to own the store he occupies and also an elegant residence. He is recognized throughout the township as an honest and reliable business man and it has been through his own exertions and untiring efforts, together with solicitation to please and accommodate his customers, that he has developed his present remunerative business, which plays a large part in the commercial welfare of the community.

In 1877 Mr. Rugg wedded Lois Nichols, a native of this county and a daughter of Leonard E. and Mary (Lewis) Nichols. Her mother, a native of Wales, was brought here in infancy by her parents, who located in St. Albans township. To Mr. and Mrs. Rugg have been born three children, namely: Leona Leota, a stenographer for the McLaray Insurance Company of Columbus, Ohio; Edna Dell, the wife of Edward Rickley, of Reynoldsburg, Ohio; and Iola N., a pupil in the Pataskala high school. Mr. Rugg, like his brother, gives his allegiance to the democratic party and in local political affairs he has exerted considerable influence, his enthusiastic public spirit contributing much toward the improvement of the community in various directions. He belongs to the Presbyterian church, of which he is a trustee and an ardent supporter, and, his life being in close keeping with the teachings of his faith, he deserves the reputation of being one of the township's honorable and representative citizens.

CHARLES C. METZ.

The firm of Charles Metz & Brothers, one of the oldest in the meat business of the county was composed up to May, 1898, of Charles C. Metz, Henry A. Metz and David C. Metz, and then, on the death of Henry Metz the business was continued by the two brothers, Charles C. and David C. The father before them was a professional butcher from the old country. He was born in Berge an der Werra, a small village in Saxony, Germany, on April 9, 1814. He received his early education in his native town, served his apprenticeship in the near by city of Saxe Weimer and when he became of age served his prescribed time in the army. Army life being distasteful to him he was granted a prolonged furlough, but was still held as a member of the reserve, liable at any time to be called. It was customary for men learning a trade to go away from home to follow their vocation, so he went to the city of Hamburg, where he procured employment with one of the large establishments of that city and worked there for four years, becoming very proficient in the manufacturing department. Fearing the possibility of being called back into the army he left Hamburg for America and arrived in Newark with some of his fellow travelers who were bound for Ohio, in April, 1836. Four years later he became acquainted with Elizabeth Sebina Fisher, who had just come to Newark

from the old country and they were married May 28, 1841. She was born in Horheim, Wertemburg, Germany, May 16, 1816. Mrs. Metz, mother of the Metz brothers, is still alive and in fairly good health being able to relate all the principal incidents of her life, and if she lives until May 16, 1909, she will have arrived at her ninety-third birthday. The absolute faith of this old lady in the rulings of Divine Providence and her strong personal responsibility have carried her through the many difficult trials of her life and will be her anchor to her life's end.

Upon taking the responsibilities of married life Mr. Metz began business for himself. His first venture was to open a meat market, and as his means were limited to only a few dollars, some tools and a horse and wagon which a friend loaned him, his beginning was very unpretentions. His meat market was in a small room on Canal street in the rear of what is now known as the Crane Bliss Hardware Company. This was in 1844 the principal thoroughfare of the town, and canal boat navigation being at its height, the trade with owners of these boats was the competition of the times. The passenger boats were called packets and as they passed through Newark on their way from Cleveland to the Ohio river, to Portsmouth, they would lay in a few days' supply, as this town was even then one of considerable importance. He prospered from the first, but Newark being at that time only a town of about three thousand inhabitants, business was limited to small proportions.

Charles C. Metz was born in Newark December 9, 1842, Henry A. Metz December 25, 1845, and D. C. Metz March 19, 1852. The two years before the breaking out of the Civil war were extremely dull and the presidential campaign of 1860 being a very turbulent one, the financial depression was very keenly felt by the smaller business interests of the country. Among those who suffered by the prevailing conditions was Mr. Metz and with a family of seven children, the eldest only eighteen years old, it took heroic efforts to maintain his household and keep out of debt. He was a person of strict integrity and high honor and nothing would worry him more than the necessity of incurring a debt that he could not see his way clear to pay. When the war commenced the following spring, every thing in the way of produce advanced and the demand in nearly every line of business increased beyond every expectation, so that his trade took on new life and the mark of actual prosperity really began. About this time the eldest son, Charles C., although closely identified with his father's business from a mere boy of ten, took a managing interest in the business. He became the buyer and continued in that capacity for many years. Henry, the next younger, being then a lad of fifteen years, took charge of the slaughtering branch of the business and D. C. took the part of an all-round assistant as his youthful ability permitted him to do, and few of riper age could have done better. The father now was enabled to devote his whole energy to the work in his market and office. About this time he purchased the property on West Main street, known now for a period of forty-seven years, as the Metz Meat Market. The business flourished as it never had before and Charles C. Metz became the partner of his father. From time to time they added facilities to meet their growing trade, until few plants in the state could boast of better equipment. In the spring of 1869 the father retired, Henry Metz became a partner and the firm name was changed from Charles Metz & Sons to Charles Metz & Brother. In 1875 David C. Metz was taken in as a partner and the name of the firm was again changed by adding "s" to "Brother." Their business constantly in-

creased and as time progressed their trade reached out into fields far beyond their local environment. Though doing a pork packing, wholesaling and manufacturing business, they however always kept a keen eye on their local trade and were always up to date. The partners all acquired for themselves valuable properties in different parts of the city.

In January, 1908, Charles C. Metz retired from the meat business in order to devote his time to other enterprises in which he is interested. The old stand was rented for other business. D. C. Metz had the year previous constructed a fine brick building in East Newark which he is at present occupying with a grocery and meat market. Having been the buyer for the firm for many years he is probably one of the best known men throughout the county and has a host of friends among all classes. Consequently he maintains a fine and prosperous business. He was elected a member of the city council a few years ago and served his term with much credit. Charles C. Metz besides being actively engaged for many years in a prosperous business, found time to represent many and varied interests in public life and filled many positions of distinction and trust. In 1876 he organized Company G, Seventeenth Regiment, Ohio National Guard Infantry, the first military company organized in Newark after the Civil war. It was a crack company and made its first public appearance doing escort duty at the inauguration of Governor Bishop in the spring of 1877. He was elected township treasurer at one time and was president of the Newark Board of Trade for a number of years and is at present an honorary member of that body. He was a charter member of the Security Loan & Building Company before its change in 1903. When the Newark Trust Company was organized, having served in the old company as a director for the fourteen years of its existence, he was reelected as a director in the new bank and later was elected its vice president, which position he now holds. He is also connected with church work, having been a vestryman in Trinity Episcopal church of this city, and at present being junior warden. He was one of seven who guaranteed the rent for a room in which to hold meetings of the Young Men's Christian Association upon its first establishment here, by this means enabling them to hold out until they could be more permanently reestablished. He has considerable real estate under his control, so he is about as busy as ever, enjoying good health and he therefore feels that under divine protection he may still be spared for many years of usefulness.

HOMER B. CONWAY.

Homer B. Conway, who for many years has been identified with the agricultural interests of Monroe township, this county, was born October 18, 1847, on the farm where he now resides, a son of John and Elmira (Williams) Conway. His ancestors were strict Covenanters and came to the new world from the north of Ireland. His father, a highly educated man, was graduated from Marietta College, at Marietta, Ohio, and was an able minister of the Presbyterian church, noted for his zealous Christian character and spiritual qualifications for his holy calling. He had been in the active ministry of the Gospel but three years, however, when

he was taken with a severe illness which terminated his life's labors. His wife, who was a faithful adherent and one of the original members of the Johnstown Presbyterian church, departed this life February 10, 1908, in her eighty-fourth year.

Among their children was Homer B. Conway, who was born and reared on the farm and acquired his education in the public schools of Johnstown. After completing his studies he settled on the old homestead, where he has since engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He owns four hundred and sixty acres of land, in a desirable location. Its soil is rich and arable and through the persevering efforts of Mr. Conway the place has been so improved as to be one of the finest farms in the entire township. By a careful study of the nature of the soils and the adaptation of crops to them he has been able to work his land to the best advantage and obtain approximately the maximum yield, which from year to year has remunerated him with bountiful harvests. He also deals to some extent in sheep, horses and cattle, breeding some of the finest specimens of draft and road horses and feeding a number of head of cattle in readiness for market. While Mr. Conway, owing to his advanced years, is not actively engaged in the routine work of his farm, he still superintends its affairs and management.

On January 31, 1867, Mr. Conway wedded Miss Emma Mann, daughter of Thomas and Catherine (Straight) Mann, natives of the state of New Jersey, and now residing in Delaware county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Conway are parents of: Milton, an agriculturist of Delaware county, Ohio; Ora, wife of Milton Shauba, who engages in farming in this township, and David, engaged in the same occupation in Jersey township. Mr. Conway supports the republican party, to which he has been loyal all his life and the principles of which he is convinced are in every sense adequate to promote the best interests of the commonwealth. A man of high intelligence and culture, enterprising and progressive, throughout his life he has been solicitous for the highest good of the community and has always exerted his influence toward advancing the moral, educational and material interests of the community.

COLONEL HAMLIN D. BURCH.

Colonel Hamlin D. Burch is numbered among those who have made the history and molded the destiny of Licking county. Concentrating his energies largely upon business interests in Hebron, he has figured as a general merchant here since 1869 and has served almost continuously as postmaster since 1870. Moreover he is entitled to distinctive mention in this volume from the fact that he is an honored veteran of two wars, having responded to the country's call for troops at the time of the Civil war and again in the recent conflict with Spain.

Colonel Burch was born in Muskingum county near Dresden, Ohio, September 21, 1846, a son of Jonathan and Eliza (Doughty) Burch, both of whom were natives of Muskingum county and spent their last days in Hebron. The father followed farming throughout his entire life and was a quiet, industrious man, whose rules of life commended him to the good will and trust of all with whom he was brought in contact. Both he and his wife held membership in the Methodist

Episcopal church. Their family numbered seven children. Leonidas F., who enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company H, Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was captured at the battle of Chickamauga and died in Andersonville prison. Homer C., who enlisted in the same company and regiment, was wounded in the battle of Resaca and died in Hebron, in 1882, from the effects of the injuries which he had sustained in war. Hamlin D. is the next of the family. Richard Watson, the fourth in order of birth, is deceased. David P., a retired merchant, lives in Hebron. Joseph is a resident of Newark; and Mrs. Mary E. Chinn has passed away.

Colonel Burch was thirteen years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal from the old home farm in Muskingum county to Hebron, where he has since lived. He was but fifteen years of age when in October, 1862, he offered his services to the government and became a member of Company A, Tenth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. He served as a private under Captain William Thayer, took part in all of the engagements of his command, was in Sherman's march to the sea and was honorably discharged in August, 1865. When the country no longer needed his aid he returned home and worked on the farm with his father until 1868 but, thinking to find commercial pursuits more congenial, he accepted a clerkship in the store of I. E. Kelsey, of Hebron. In 1869 he established his present general mercantile business and has conducted it continuously since or for a period of forty years, during which time his labors have been a feature in the growth and progress of the town. In 1870 he was commissioned postmaster of Hebron and has continuously served in this capacity save for the period of President Cleveland's administrations.

It was in April, 1869, that Colonel Burch was united in marriage to Miss Candace Ruick, a native of Licking county and a daughter of Thomas Ruick. She died in 1893, leaving five children: Otto E., who is now a merchant of Lodi, Ohio; Frank C., who follows merchandising in Coshocton; Rose Lee, who is with her brother in Coshocton; Bertie T., railroad agent, postmaster and mayor of Bittercreek, Wyoming; and Charles H., who is clerking for his brother in Coshocton. Having lost his first wife, Colonel Burch wedded Alice S. Seymour, a native of this county and a daughter of Bruce and Elizabeth Seymour, February 13, 1895.

In politics Colonel Burch has been a life-long republican, never faltering in his allegiance to the party. For about twenty years he served as a member of the board of education and the public schools found in him a faithful and efficient friend. For two terms he has been a member of the town council and in all offices he has discharged his duties with promptness and fidelity. Always interested in military affairs, in 1888 he joined the Ohio National Guard as first lieutenant and served until the guard was called out at the time of the Spanish-American war. He had been previously promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel and in April, 1898, with that rank, he enlisted as a member of the Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The command was sent to Virginia and to Pennsylvania but was not called to the seat of action. Colonel Burch is a member of Williams Lodge, No. 363, I. O. O. F., of Hebron, also of Hebron Lodge, No. 116, A. F. & A. M., Eugene Chapter, No. 123, O. E. S., and Lemert Post, G. A. R., of Newark. Since 1866 he has been a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, has always been interested in the church work, has acted as trustee and steward and for

twenty-two years has been superintendent of the Sunday school. His influence therefore is always given on the side of right and justice and though his business and military duties have made extensive demands upon his time, he has always found opportunity to cooperate in those movements which tend to uplift humanity and promote the moral development of the race. He is honored and respected wherever known and most of all where he is best known.

CHARLES R. ESSEX.

Almost a century ago the Essex family settled in Etna township, Licking county, when this part of the state was sparsely inhabited, neighbors being many miles apart and the entire region practically as nature had formed it. Comforts were few for those who entered these thickly wooded and undeveloped regions, but being pioneers not only in the sense of being among the first upon the ground, but also in physical vigor and prophetic foresight, discerning the possibilities latent within the soil of this country, they sought not enjoyment or ease but rather a field of promise and usefulness where they might apply their advantage and lay the foundation for the prosperity of generations yet unborn.

Grandfather Isaac Essex with his wife, formerly Anna Smoke, natives of Maryland and Virginia respectively, their marriage occurring in the last named state, came to Ohio, settling in Licking county in 1821, each carrying a baby in arms and at the same time bringing their few belongings. Their journey was fraught with many obstacles and hardships, and, recent storms having felled many trees which obstructed the roadway, Mr. Essex was compelled to remove them in order to proceed on the journey. He entered three hundred and twenty acres of land adjoining the southern boundary line of what is now Etna village. The experiences at that early day may well be imagined as patiently, in the midst of a dense forest, he hurriedly felled and dressed timber with which to build a log cabin in order to protect the wife and children from the elements. From that pioneer home, day after day, for many weary months he went forth at dawn with his ax to clear off the land preparatory for cultivation. The surrounding conditions required patience and perseverance on the part of the pioneer, but Mr. Essex possessed both, together with a resolute purpose reenforced by a stalwart constitution, proving equal to confronting emergencies. Before many years had rolled by through his efforts the once thickly wooded tract of land was transformed into fertile fields covered with rich harvests. On this farm he lived until the advanced age of eighty-eight years, while his wife passed away in her seventy-seventh year. Mr. Essex was a soldier of the war of 1812, his grandson, Charles R., still possessing the "honorable discharge" granted to him at the close of that conflict.

He reared a family of eight daughters and two sons, among whom was Henry Essex, father of the subject of this review. His birth occurred in Pickaway county in 1818, and he removed to a farm near Etna village with his parents in 1821. He located on the farm now occupied by his son Charles R. in 1853 and there he died August 8, 1892. His wife, Ellen Wells, was a native of Union township, this county, born June 6, 1838, a daughter of Alexander and Samantha (Holmes)

Wells, also natives of Union township, her father a son of Richard Wells who entered land there at an early date. On that farm Alexander Wells and his wife spent their lives, he entering into rest in 1899, at the age of ninety-two years. In their family were three children: Charles R.; Alice, widow of Albert Neil, of Hebron; and Henrietta, wife of John Vorhees, who owns a farm in this neighborhood. By a former marriage Mr. Essex had one daughter, Mary, deceased, who was the wife of Jacob Elsass.

Charles R. Essex was born April 7, 1859, on the old home farm which he now has under cultivation. During his boyhood days he became familiar with the farm work under the supervision of his father and acquired his education in the neighboring schools. He owns one hundred and fifty-six acres, which is a portion of the three hundred and fifty acre tract originally owned by his father, his farm being located on the York street road two miles west of Kirkersville. The place is provided with every improvement and with a dwelling house, substantial barn and a number of outbuildings, all of which he constructed with the assistance of his father, constitutes one of the finest farms in this part of the county. His soil has had careful attention, enabling him to produce large crops, and at the same time he devotes some attention to stock-raising. His place is known as "Beaver Dam Farm," owing to the fact that on both sides of it that crafty animal in times past reared a dam which at present in some places is five feet high and which at the time Mr. Essex took hold of the farm backed up a pond covering ten to twelve acres.

In 1884 Mr. Essex wedded Miss Ellen Elsass, a native of Carroll county, Ohio, born December 3, 1864, and a daughter of John and Samantha (Hewitt) Elsass, also natives of that county where they are now residing. To Mr. and Mrs. Essex have been born seven children: Alma, who became the wife of Dean Clifton, assistant superintendent of the Pataskala public schools, Ruth, Mary, Emerson, Margery, Maurice and Albert. In his political views Mr. Essex is a republican and as to his religious convictions, believing in the restoration of apostolic Christianity, he is affiliated with that denomination known as the Disciples of Christ. He is in every particular a worthy citizen whose industry and enterprise have not only enabled him to attain prosperity, but have also contributed much to the general welfare of the community, and being a man whose general conduct is in obedience to a high standard he entertains the respect and confidence of his neighbors.

R. E. McCULLOUGH, M. D.

Thorough preliminary training well qualified Dr. R. E. McCullough for the professional duties to which he now gives his time and energies, and in which he is meeting with excellent success when viewed from both the professional and financial standpoints. It is notable that the majority of Newark's most successful physicians are native sons of Ohio, who have felt that the advantages and opportunities of this state were unsurpassed in other portions of the Union and have thus elected to remain in a district endeared to them by early associations as well

as by later interests. Dr. McCullough, now practicing in Newark, was born in Wooster, Ohio, June 14, 1867, a son of William Dunlap and Rebecca (Cook) McCullough, the latter a native of Wayne, Ohio, and the former of Bucyrus. The Rev. Silas Dunlap, a great uncle of Dr. McCullough in the paternal line, was one of the founders of Wooster University. William D. McCullough was for many years engaged in educational work, being professor of schools in Bucyrus and that locality for twenty-three years. He then retired from professional labor to spend his declining days on the farm amid the quiet and peace of rural surroundings, and thus he passed away in 1906, at the age of sixty-nine years. His political allegiance was given to the democracy.

Dr. McCullough was reared amid an atmosphere of intellectual culture and refinement. Paternal influence stimulated him to put forth earnest effort in the acquirement of an education and he was graduated from the Dalton, Ohio, high school in 1888, after which he spent two years in the Ada Normal School. Subsequently he followed the profession of teaching for two years in Wayne county, Ohio, and then matriculated in the Wadsworth Normal School, of which he is also a graduate. He next became principal of the Craig high school, in Burt county, Nebraska, and afterward spent four years in the furtherance of his own intellectual development in Wooster University, subsequent to which time he was elected superintendent of the Marion Normal School, where he continued for a year. On the expiration of that period he went to Akron, Ohio, and began reading medicine with Dr. Tom Parks, of that place, while later he was graduated from the Starling Medical College in the class of 1898.

Dr. McCullough began practice in Newark. He has since taken post-graduate work in the Chicago Polyclinic, in 1907, and was externe at Augustana Hospital, of that city, for four months, in the same year. He is now on the medical staff of the Newark Hospital and enjoys a large private practice which is indicative of the trust reposed in his professional skill and ability. He belongs to the county, state, and national medical societies, and through the interchange of knowledge and experiences among the members of these organizations adds to his own equipment and finds further inspiration for his work.

In 1893 Dr. McCullough was married to Miss Dora D. Shamp, who was born in Wooster, Ohio, and is a daughter of Perry Shamp. His social nature finds expression in his membership with the Modern Woodmen, the Elks, and other fraternal organizations, his genial manner, his unfailing courtesy, and his deference for the opinions of others having gained him personal popularity. Few have a wider circle of friends in Newark than has Dr. McCullough.

MACK BROTHERS.

The Mack brothers, who conduct an extensive milling and feed business in Brownsville under the name of Mack Brothers Milling Company, flour, feed and grain dealers, are representatives of a family the members of which have for many years been engaged in that enterprise in this county. The partners are M. C. and J. L. Mack, the former having been born in Bowling Green township, August 22,

1871, a son of George W. and Sarah A. (Cover) Mack. His father was a native of the Keystone state, born in Fayette county, and located in Licking county with his parents, who came here in the early days. Until the year 1878 he engaged in general farming and then moved to Brownsville, where he established a saw and grist milling business, in his grist mill using the old buhr process. In this business he continued until the year 1889, when he retired having during an active and useful life accumulated considerable means. He died in the year 1891 and was interred in Shelly cemetery, near Brownsville. His wife, also a native of Pennsylvania, in which state they were married, passed away in Brownsville in the year 1906 and was laid to rest by her husband. They were the parents of one daughter, Mary, the wife of Henry Booher, of Croton, Ohio; and two sons, M. C. and J. L.

In the common schools of Brownsville, M. C. Mack received his education and then engaged in the lumber business with his brother in 1891. When they installed the roller system of flour milling they abandoned the lumber enterprise and devoted their entire attention to the business in which they are now engaged. Their mill has a daily capacity of forty barrels and the company is rapidly increasing its volume of business.

In the year 1906 Mr. Mack wedded Miss Minnie Priest and they now have one child, Raymond. Mr. Mack gives his political support to the democratic party, the principles of which he has decided to be fully adequate, as well as necessary, to place the finances of the country on a firm and immutable foundation. Consequently he is enthusiastic during campaigns and contributes his vote and influence toward the election of its candidates. His wife is affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church, in which she is an active worker.

The junior member of the firm, J. L. Mack, was born July 20, 1873, and received his education in the common schools of Brownsville. He has always been associated with his brother in business. In 1905 he wedded Miss Georgia Fisher and they have one son, Harold. Like his brother he is a democrat and uses his vote and influence in favor of the candidates of that party. In company with his wife he worships with the sect known as the conservative Dunkards. The Mack brothers are both energetic and enterprising, gifted with keen business discernment and are recognized throughout the community as representative men. They entertain the respect of all with whom they come in contact and are men who bear the reputation of being honest and straightforward in all their business transactions, while to their industry is due the prosperous condition of the enterprise they are conducting.

WILLIAM WEAYENT.

William Weayent, a descendant of the sturdy German stock of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, where he was born May 28, 1820, settled in McKean township, Licking county, when still a lad and for many years was actively engaged in general agricultural pursuits. His parents, Henry and Mary Weayent, were also natives of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, where they departed this life. They were

the parents of eight children, three of whom are living: Isaac, who resides in Pennsylvania; Thomas, of Delaware county, Ohio; and William. When he came to these parts he hired out as a farm hand and worked for wages until he was thirty years of age, during which time he had saved most of his earnings which he invested in the highly improved tract of land on which he is now located.

William Weayent remained at home, engaging in farm labor, until he was twelve years of age, when he was bound out for the succeeding six years, at the expiration of which time he went to work as a farm hand for himself and was thus employed until he was thirty years of age. He was then united in marriage with Mrs. Beckie Ann Kinneman, a native of New Jersey, and rented a farm which he cultivated for three years, when he removed to Licking county where he cultivated rented property for five years. In the meantime, by careful management and hard work, he had laid by sufficient money to enable him to purchase fifty acres of land in McKean township, on which he located and remained for nine years. In the meantime Mr. Weayent greatly improved his property until it was in excellent condition for the production of crops and was eventually fortunate in disposing of it at a handsome profit. He then invested in a farm of one hundred and twenty-seven acres which he now possesses. Through his activity, industry and careful management he has attained prosperity for which he deserves great credit and now in his declining years he can enjoy the leisure and comfort awarded him by his long season of incessant toil.

After the death of his first wife, in 1888, Mr. Weayent was united in marriage with Sarah Rogers, a native of McKean township, but he was not permitted to enjoy her companionship long as she departed this life August 8, 1907. Mr. Weayent is one of the oldest members of the Masonic fraternity in the county, having been affiliated with the society for a period of fifty years, during which time he has passed through all the chairs of the lodge to which he belongs. The democratic party has always received his support as in his opinion, after due deliberation and experience, its platform is the only feasible one to assure the financial integrity and permanent prosperity of the commonwealth. During his long life as an agriculturist he has become familiar with every phase of the work and has perhaps raised everything which the ground is able to bring forth. In later years he also devoted much of his time and attention to raising and feeding sheep. Considering the few advantages he had in his youth and his many years of active labor he well deserves the prosperity with which he is now attended. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and never permits anything to stand in the way of meeting his religious obligations.

FRANK H. BALLOU.

The establishment and control of an honorable and successful business is a work worthy of attention but greater still is the labor of him whose efforts reach out in benefit to the majority of mankind. Frank H. Ballou, in his researches and experiments along horticultural lines, has accomplished a work of lasting value to his fellowmen and is still engaged in this line of labor, as assistant horticultur-

ist in charge of the extension work of the horticultural department of the Ohio Experiment Station of Wooster, with headquarters at Newark. Mr. Ballou was born in Franklin township, Licking county, on the 3d of July, 1869, and is a son of Charles E. and Mary J. (Keenen) Ballou. The family is descended from one Maturin Ballou, who was a co-proprietor with Roger Williams, the colonial founder of Rhode Island in his Providence plantations. Genealogical researches show that he was a remote descendant of a Norman chieftain who, in 1066, went from France to England with William the Conqueror. This ancestor, "one Guinebond Balou," was probably a marshal in the army of William of Normandy and took part in the decisive battle of Hastings, resulting in the fusion of Norman civilization with that of the Anglo-Saxon race. It has been established with considerable certainty that Maturin Ballou was the younger son of a younger son of a good family in Devonshire, England, and was probably born between the years 1610 and 1620. Like all the unendowed offshoots of feudal nobility, he had to seek his own fortune and in the '40s in the seventeenth century emigrated to America. The Ballou family in this country numbers among its members many eminent men. The mother of James A. Garfield was a Ballou and the Taft family is also of the same ancestry.

Aurelius Ballou, grandfather of our subject, was born in Chandlersville, Muskingum county, Ohio, January 18, 1818, and was a man of fine mental endowments, whose researches were conducted broadly on many subjects. His natural ability and taste tended toward an intellectual life but unfortunate circumstances prevented a liberal education although he became a broad reader and was not unknown as a writer. For a time he studied for the medical profession and then took up teaching, while he was identified with educational work for several years. About 1853 he became a resident of Licking county, Ohio, settling at the base of Flint ridge in Franklin township where, after years of work, he secured a home of eighty acres on which he lived until his death June 5, 1905. He filled many local positions of responsibility and was a consistent Christian man, who had the respect and esteem of all. On the 8th of September, 1839, in Brookfield, Ohio, he married Sarah Bacon, who was born near Cumberland, Ohio, February 20, 1821, and died June 17, 1903, at the age of eighty-two years.

Charles E. Ballou is the only survivor of their family of four children. He was educated in the district schools and, because of his father's invalid condition, remained at home to care for his parents and continued the management of the home farm until he retired from active life and removed to Newark in November, 1904, building here a comfortable home. He was married October 11, 1868, to Mary Keenen, of Hopewell township, a daughter of John and Amanda (Ellis) Keenen, both now deceased.

Frank H. Ballou, their only child, was reared on the home farm and acquired a common-school education. As early as his fourteenth year he became intensely interested in horticulture. He first took up vegetable growing and, as he studied, extended his efforts to the growing and care of plants, gradually drifting into the study of the culture and improvement of small fruits. A further step in advance was his work in connection with the cultivation of orchards and as the years went by he delved deeper and deeper into the science of fruit culture, developed the Dale View Fruit Gardens, and became a writer on horticultural subjects for various journals. His labors were conducted along scientific lines, based upon broad study and practical experience and he displayed much of the spirit of the initiative also

in his undertakings. His work brought him under the notice of the State Board of Agriculture and, in 1900, he was called to take charge of the horticultural exhibit at the State Fair in Columbus, of which he has been superintendent for eight years. In this capacity he came into touch with the officials of the Ohio Experiment Station and, in 1904, was called to Wooster, Ohio, where he remained four years as assistant horticulturist in charge of the orchards, small fruits and vegetables at that institution. In that capacity he served until the spring of 1908, since which time he has been connected with the station as assistant horticulturist, in charge of horticultural extension work, and secretary of the Ohio State Horticultural Society, with headquarters at Newark. Here he is conducting test work and plant breeding on his own and his father's farms and is producing splendid results that have, through the medium of his many published bulletins of the Experiment Station, made him well known among not only the horticulturists of the state but also of the entire country.

In 1889 Mr. Ballou was married to Miss Clara McPherson, a daughter of John R. McPherson, now deceased, and they have two children, Nellie and Ava. In politics Mr. Ballou is a stalwart republican and both he and his wife are members of the East Main Street Methodist Episcopal church. His chosen life work has been not only a source of revenue to himself but of benefit to all mankind, in that he has wrought out new truths concerning horticultural interests, resulting in a production of better varieties and a knowledge concerning breeding and improvement of fruits and vegetables.

BRYANT L. HAWKE.

One of the leading and well known representatives of financial interests in Licking county is Bryant L. Hawke, who since the organization of the Hebron Bank Company in 1903 has been cashier of the bank. He was born in St. Louisville, this county, February 25, 1870, and is a representative of an old Virginian family. His grandfather, Alfred Hawke, was born in Virginia and early in the nineteenth century came to Licking county, settling in Eden township, where he developed a farm and made his home until his death. He married Hester Matticks, who was a native of Pennsylvania and of Dutch and English descent, while the Hawkes were of English lineage with a strain of Scotch blood. The first representatives in this country settled in the Old Dominion at an early period in the colonization of America. It was upon the home farm in Eden township that Alfrew Hawke reared his family of twelve children. At the same time he was busily engaged in the work of developing a farm and contributed to the progress and prosperity of the community as the district was transformed from a wilderness into one of the thickly populated and well improved sections of the state.

His son, Joseph Hawke, was born in Eden township, June 4, 1836, and has spent his entire life in this county, giving his attention to general farming and also dealing in timber. He has always been a quiet home man, very exemplary in his habits, never using liquor nor profanity and at all times conforming his life to high moral standards. He married Sophronia Smith, a daughter of Nicholas Gassaway

Smith, who was a native of Virginia and took up his abode in Mary Ann township, this county, at a very early day. He married Sidney A. Sperry, who was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, and was of Virginian parentage. They had a large family of twelve children and the father died when forty-two years of age. The family included Mrs. Hawke, who was born in this county. By her marriage she became the mother of twelve children, of whom four died in infancy. The others are: Bryant L.; Inez, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Alma, a teacher in the schools of Utica, Ohio; May, a teacher in the schools of Newark; Sylvia, who formerly engaged in teaching but is now at home; Ezra, a civil engineer; Melville, an electrical worker at Hebron; and Mildred, a student in Denison University.

Reared in the village of St. Louisville, Bryant L. Hawke devoted much of his time in his youthful days to the mastery of the branches of learning taught in the public schools. He afterward entered the Hanover high school, from which he was graduated in the class of 1892. He then took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for eleven years, beginning at the age of twenty and in that field of labor he proved competent, capable and successful. He was also employed in the county treasurer's office for a year and a half prior to his connection with the Hebron Bank Company, which was organized in 1903. At that time he came to the village, where he has since remained and as cashier of the bank has opened its doors every morning. He is proving a popular officer, courteous in his treatment of the patrons of the bank and at the same time most loyal to the interests of the stockholders.

On the 6th of September, 1908, Mr. Hawke was united in marriage with Miss Adrian L. Taylor, a daughter of M. F. Taylor, a successful agriculturist of Thurston, Fairfield county, Ohio. Socially Mr. Hawke is connected with Pataskala Lodge, No. 404, A. F. & A. M., and with Warren Chapter, R. A. M., of Newark, and Bigelow Council, R. & S. M., of Newark. He likewise belongs to Altamaha Lodge, No. 296, K. P., of Granville and to Hebron Camp, M. W. A. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. He is popular with a large circle of friends because his life is well spent and because he has the strength of character to accomplish in the business world what he undertakes.

SANFORD T. BUCKLAND.

Sanford T. Buckland, who pursues general agriculture and stock raising in Union township, this county, was born at his present place of residence October 5, 1857, a son of Nelson and Eliza (Winters) Buckland. His grandfather was Thomas Buckland, a native of England, who, with his wife, came to this county at an early date and located on a tract of land covered with forest, upon which they erected a log cabin and subsequently cleared and put under cultivation. One of his children was Nelson, who was only twelve years of age when his father came to this county. For a number of years he engaged in the sawmill business, subsequently devoting his attention to farming, being one of the few in this part of the country who owned and operated a carding machine. His first wife was Honor Wells, a native of this county, by whom he had three children, namely: Mische,

deceased, who was the wife of William Banatta; Byron S.; and Nelson Richard. Their mother having died in 1839, he wedded Miss Eliza Winters, by whom he had five children, namely: Sarah, who became the wife of William Palmer, residing near Wagram, this county; Clara, who, with her husband, Richard Van Dorn, resides in Newark, Ohio; John, who wedded Anna McMillan, and lives in Granville; Sanford T., the subject of this sketch; and Laura, who married Charles Burner and lives in Baltimore, Maryland. The father entered into rest in the year 1888, while the mother died in 1900.

The district schools of this county afforded Sanford T. Buckland his preliminary educational advantages, and upon completing his studies therein he pursued a three-years' course in the Newark high school, after which he returned to his father's farm. From that time up to the present he has been engaged in farming and stock raising, and has met with great success in his chosen calling. He owns an elegant tract of land of one hundred acres, a portion of the seven hundred acres constituting the old homestead, and his place, called "Beechwood Spring Farm," deriving its name from the fact that there is a spring and three stalwart beech trees near his residence, is one of the finest in this part of the county. He has made a careful study of soils and has been able to maintain their nutritive properties and has therefore been very successful, both as to the quantity and quality of his products. He also devotes considerable attention to stock raising, and breeds from thoroughbred cattle and sheep.

In 1882 Mr. Buckland wedded Miss May Henderson, a native of Perry county, born November 15, 1861, who when five years of age came to this county with her parents, James and Rebecca (Myers) Henderson. Her father was a native of Perry county and her mother of this county, and they died here at the age of seventy and fifty-eight years respectively. Out of a family of seven children born to James and Rebecca Henderson five lived to maturity. To Mr. and Mrs. Buckland have been born: Ralph, who departed this life in his seventeenth year when he was a student at the Newark high school; and Paul and Lois, who reside with their parents. Mr. Buckland has been a life-long republican and takes great pride in the fact that since casting his first vote he has never been induced to withdraw his loyalty from its candidates. He is a member of the Licking Baptist church, and is a man who has always taken considerable interest in the welfare of the community, and is always ready and willing to support whatever measures are designed for its betterment. Being a man of high moral character whose life has always been dominated by a noble purpose, he well deserves the respect of his neighbors, which he has always enjoyed.

WILLIAM E. HOLMES, M. D.

Dr. William E. Holmes, who has been engaged in the general practice of medicine in Brownsville for many years and who is recognized by the members of the medical fraternity as a man of deep learning and a physician of sound judgment, was born in Brownsville, October 13, 1855, a son of William T. and Sarah E. (Shucy) Holmes. His father was born in Farquhar county, Virginia, February

22, 1820, and at an early date came to this county, where he remained for a short time and then settled in Muskingum county. For many years he engaged in contracting and building, which business he followed for some time and then traded in general merchandise, later becoming employed as the agent for the Singer Manufacturing Company. In the year 1855 he removed to Brownsville, where he departed this life June 16, 1895, and was interred in the cemetery at this place. In politics he was a stanch democrat and always gave his political support to that party. He was a man of acknowledged integrity, fair and just in all of his business transactions, a consistent Christian and a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife was born in Baltimore, Maryland, October 16, 1825, and with her people removed to Muskingum county, where she was united in marriage. She died February 24, 1907, in Bowling Green township, and was laid to rest in Brownsville cemetery. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Almeda, who married Thomas T. Peyton, of Terre Haute, Indiana, where he is the proprietor of a large hotel; Sarah E., widow of Adam R. Brown, who passed away in Newark; Mary T., who departed this life in 1878; Lemuel W., who is in the mercantile business here; Lucy A., widow of the late Dr. H. Decrow and a resident of Newark, Ohio; Maggie, wife of John W. Green, a merchant of Columbus, Ohio; Nathaniel, who is connected with the White Sewing Machine Company, of Columbus; and Dr. W. E. Holmes. The Holmes family originally came from England and the grandfather, Nathaniel Holmes, served throughout the Mexican war.

In the common schools of Brownsville, Dr. Holmes acquired his preliminary education and later pursued a course of study in a preparatory institution at Lebanon, Ohio. Upon graduating he taught school for a period of ten years, three of which he spent in Brownsville, two at Normal, Illinois, and five in the schools of Bowling Green township. He then commenced the study of medicine under the preceptorship of J. B. Humphry, of this place and subsequently entered the medical department of the Ohio State College, in Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in the year 1884. He immediately began the practice of his profession in his native town, in which he has since remained. He is a man of wide learning, being versed in all branches of materia medica and surgery and, enjoying an enviable reputation among the members of the fraternity for his scholarship, is appealed to as an authority on many subjects pertaining to the practice. He is a deep and investigating student who takes pride in his profession and has kept abreast of the times in the findings of science and is acknowledged to be one of the most skillful and proficient physicians in the county.

Dr. Holmes is one of the most faithful and enterprising men engaged in his profession and during the twenty-four years he has been practicing medicine in this place he has never laid aside his duties for even a day for the purpose of enjoying an outing. He is a man who is inspired with the noble purpose of helping mankind and it is his greatest joy to be continually active in relieving human suffering and in aiding his fellowmen to regain and preserve health. His long years of service have not only won him the respect of the entire community but have also enabled him to place himself in comfortable circumstances. He owns three elegant residences in this place and in addition one hundred and forty-four acres of fine farm land in Bowling Green township. He is a member of the Masonic lodge, of Brownsville, Ohio, in which he has passed through all of the chairs and is now treasurer.

In politics he gives his support to the democratic party and for a period of four years served the township in the office of treasurer. The doctor is a member of the Presbyterian church. In all the various phases of life he measures up to the full standard of manhood, enjoying the trust and confidence of the general public and the good will of his brethren of the medical fraternity by reason of his close conformity to a high standard of professional ethics.

BENJAMIN GREEN.

Benjamin Green, of Monroe township, the oldest living representative of one of the largest and first white families settling in this locality, was born July 26, 1832, a son of Rignel and Sarah (Williamson) Green, the former having come to what is now Monroe township in the year 1808. The family originally came from Virginia and located in what is now Fairfield county. The Greens were large landowners who extensively carried on general farming and stock-raising and contributed largely toward improving the conditions of the part of the state where they resided.

Of a family of nine children Benjamin Green is the only surviving member. He was reared on his father's farm, was trained to habits of industry and economy and was surrounded by Christian influences which greatly aided him in his after life. His father was a strict churchman, for many years a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal church, and was instrumental by his pulpit ministrations and visits in exerting a marked influence for good on the community. His son was therefore brought up in the nurture of an excellent Christian home. While a boy he attended the district school which was conducted in a little log cabin in the neighborhood, there acquiring his education. He remained at home until his marriage, when he settled down in this township where he has always lived, six years later purchasing the farm he now cultivates.

Mr. Green's place consists of two hundred and sixty-four acres of land, all of which is highly improved and under cultivation. He has made a study of the nature of the soil, in its adaptation to the production of various kinds of grain and from year to year has succeeded in deriving bountiful harvests. In addition to raising large quantities of hay, wheat, corn and oats, he devotes considerable attention to stock-breeding and keeps on hand many head of the fine cattle which he feeds and puts into marketable condition. His farm bears every evidence of care and thrift and manifests the interest and enterprise of its owner. It is provided with an elegant and comfortable residence, has commodious barns and out-buildings, which are in good condition, and in fact is equipped with every modern convenience for carrying on farming and stock-raising by the most progressive methods.

On April 24, 1856, Mr. Green was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Clouse, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Dague) Clouse, and they are now parents of the following children: Granville W., deceased; Flora D., who became the wife of Charles Williamson, a farmer in Jersey township; Harry P., of Johnstown, Monroe township; Mary E., deceased; Missouri, wife of Willard Clouse, who is

engaged in farming in Indiana; Horton, deceased; Helen E., wife of Joel Fitzwater; Hattie, now Mrs. Milton Day; and Benjamin Wallace, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Green have lived a long and happy life together, two years ago celebrating their golden wedding, and now in their advanced years are still in the enjoyment of good health.

In politics Mr. Green allies himself with the republican party, voting that ticket since 1856 when he cast his ballot for General Fremont, who was then candidate for president. Since then he has been loyal to the party, a staunch supporter of its principles and has always exerted his influence for its success. In the affairs of the township he has always taken a lively interest and throughout his life has strongly agitated public improvements with special emphasis on good roads and an excellent public-school system. For two years he served the township as trustee and for many years as road supervisor, having also been an efficient member of the school board. He has always been dutiful in carrying out his religious obligations and for many years has been a zealous supporter of the United Brethren church in which he is a trustee and of which he has been a member for upwards of forty years. The church building, which is within a few rods of his house, was erected chiefly through his instrumentality and the congregation, of which he was one of the organizers, depends on him to a great extent for its maintenance. Mr. Green is a man of unquestioned integrity, while his excellent qualities, refinement and culture having won him the respect of the entire community. Although he had but few educational advantages in institutions of learning, he has always been a student and through his reading has become thoroughly acquainted with a wide range of subjects. Perhaps no citizen is held in greater respect than he nor has any contributed more to the material, moral and social benefit of the township.

ROYAL BRUCE.

General agriculture and stock-raising occupy the time and attention of Royal Bruce, who operates a farm of many acres of highly cultivated land in Burlington township. On this place he was born November 1, 1859, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Robison) Bruce, his father having emigrated from Wales to the new world when three years of age in company with his parents. His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Bruce, was a native of England and at the age of fifteen years came to America, where she remained until she departed this life, May 28, 1898, having survived her husband by fifteen years. They reared a family of two children, one of whom is Royal Bruce, the other, John, being deceased.

Royal Bruce remained in the parental domicile until he was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta Montgomery, April 6, 1882. She was born in this county, October 30, 1859, daughter of Samuel and Mary Montgomery, both of whom were born in this county. Her mother passed away August 27, 1894, and her father, January 7, 1904. Mrs. Bruce was the youngest of a family of ten children.

After his marriage Mr. Bruce purchased a farm containing one hundred acres in Burlington township on which he lived for a period of seventeen years and then moved on the farm which he now has under cultivation. It contains two

hundred and seventy-five acres which he has greatly improved and which constitutes one of the fine farms of the county. Aside from cultivating all kinds of grain he makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock, at which he has been very successful. He uses modern machinery in the cultivation of his land and his place is equipped with every convenience for profitably carrying on his chosen occupation.

Mr. Bruce is one of the most successful farmers in the county and it has been through his enterprise and capable management that he has come into possession of the many acres he now owns, while through his unwearied efforts he has put his land in such condition as to be classed with the finest in the county for agricultural purposes. He had the advantage of only a common-school education and otherwise had but little on which to depend in order to secure success in life. However, he was a man of sound judgment and one naturally gifted with the power to manage affairs and, with these qualifications at his command, he went to work, tilling the soil, realizing that out of the ground comes all wealth. He soon discovered that the incessant application of his energy was not in vain and now is proprietor of one of the finest and best paying farms in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce are the parents of the following children: Thomas S.; R. R., who is married and resides in Burlington township; Nina B.; Lena L., a teacher in the public schools; Mary E., a milliner; John H.; Myrtle L.; and Louise E. Mr. Bruce and his wife are faithful to their religious obligations and are ardent supporters of the Christian church. In politics Mr. Bruce is a supporter of the republican party inasmuch as it is his candid opinion that only in so far as the government is controlled by its principles will the country be assured of permanent prosperity. Consequently he not only rejoices in the successes of the party but does all he can through his vote and influence during campaigns to aid in the election of its candidates to office. Highly respected throughout the community as an honest, upright and straightforward man, it has been largely due to these qualities that he has reached his present status of prosperity.

HERBERT E. WINSLOW.

Herbert E. Winslow, a man of considerable learning, who for many years has been identified with the agricultural and stock-raising interests in Hartford township, was born April 28, 1856, on the farm where he now resides, and is a son of Horace and Mary Rice (Henry) Winslow, both of whom were natives of Rutland county, Vermont, where they were united in marriage, coming to this county in early life. Their journey was long and arduous. They came by canal from Cleveland, arriving in Newark on the 5th of July, 1841, when the town was in an uproar of celebration (since the 4th of July fell on Sunday), and from that place they were transported to Croton by a colored man who took them in a wagon over the road cut through the forests. In that town they were met by William Winslow, a younger brother, who had preceded them to this place some six years before and who was engaged in the mercantile business. Upon arriving in this county Horace Winslow decided to engage in farming, and in September, 1841,

purchased the farm where his son Herbert now resides and which has been in possession of the family ever since. In that day the entire tract of land was covered with timber but through the activity of Mr. Winslow the greater portion of it was soon hewn down. During the fall of the same year the land was plowed and sown with wheat. Upon his farm in 1860 Mr. Winslow erected a frame residence in which he and his wife spent their remaining days, the father passing away November 20, 1893, and his wife, October 28, 1898. Mr. Winslow was a man of strong intelligence and force of character, thoroughly informed on all public questions, and was said to have been a great power in debate, especially in political arguments. He was an abolitionist and later a republican, his wide reading and studious habits well qualifying him to defend any position he took on public questions, including religion and social economy. He attained success in a high degree and was highly respected by all who knew him. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Winslow were born seven children: Mary, who became the wife of Henry Edgerton, of Allegan, Michigan; George, an agriculturist of Barry county, Michigan; Hattie; Wesley, deceased; Herbert E., Ada and Ida, twins, Ida being now the wife of Gilbert Larkin, of Newark.

Herbert E. Winslow has spent his life on the old homestead upon which occurred his birth. He was educated in the district schools, at the same time being attentive to the duties of the farm, and under the instruction of his father becoming proficient in all departments of business. He had full charge of the affairs of the farm for some years before his father departed this life and in 1899 bought the land and is now residing here with sister Hattie. This is considered one of the finest farms in the county and the long years of careful cultivation have adapted it to the raising of the best crops.

Mr. Winslow is a republican in politics and, being a man of high moral character, he upholds all that is highest and best in both public and private life. He is a member of Croton Lodge, K. P., meeting in Trenton; Grange, 998, of Delaware county, and the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is a trustee and steward. The church organization to which he belongs was liberally supported by his father, who was one of its founders and who attended its services when the congregation met in a log schoolhouse, while later the Winslow family were instrumental in securing the present frame building. Mr. Winslow is a great reader, and being a lover of the best literature he has accumulated quite a large library. He also subscribes to many of the best monthly and weekly publications and upon the whole is one of the best informed men of the township. He is in every respect worthy of the confidence of the people and is looked upon as one of the most substantial men in the county.

SIMON ODELL SMOKE.

Simon Odell Smoke was born on the farm he now cultivates in Etna township, Licking county, October 26, 1864. He descends from a family the members of which were among the pioneers of this part of the state, his grandfather, Dennis Smoke, having settled here at an early date. He engaged in the pursuit of agricul-

ture and reared the following family: Isaac, John, Henry, Mrs. Betsy Ann Showers, Mrs. Margaret Mazelin, Mrs. Jane Brock, Mrs. Maria Brock, Dennis, Jacob and Mrs. Kate Goode. Isaac Smoke, father of the subject of this review, was born March 19, 1826, on a farm located three-quarters of a mile north of the one on which his son now resides, and remained there until six years ago, when he and his wife went to Columbus where they are now living in retirement. Mrs. Smoke bore the maiden name of Mary Jane Griffith, and was born in Fairfield county in 1838, on a farm located five miles southwest of the present home of her son, Simon Odell, where she remained until she was married. In their family were three children, namely: Emma, widow of Adam Minehart, of Columbus; Etta, wife of Martin Poff, of Shepard, Ohio; and Simon Odell.

The last named has always resided on his present farm, and here during his boyhood days he became familiar with the work of the fields under the supervision of his father, at the same time availing himself of the advantages offered by the district schools. After completing his studies he settled down on the old homestead, where he has since been engaged in general farming. He tills two hundred and sixty-seven acres of land which is located on the county line and separated by the public highway, fifty acres being in Fairfield county. This tract originally belonged to his parents, from whom he made the purchase. In addition to having an elegant brick residence which was erected by his father in 1875, Mr. Smoke has a fine barn which he built himself and substantial outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. His farm is provided with every convenience to enable him to pursue his occupation by modern methods. Aside from producing general crops he makes a specialty of the dairy business, and at present has thirty fine milch cows and for some time has been carrying on a lucrative trade in dairy products in the markets of Columbus.

On February 14, 1886, Mr. Smoke wedded Miss Mary Rickley, a native of this township where her birth occurred September 1, 1867, and a daughter of Frederick and Sarah (Hagy) Rickley, both of whom reside here. To Mr. and Mrs. Smoke have been born ten children: Grover, who lives in Columbus; Walter, Oliver, Myrtle, Ora, Helen, Irma, Carl, Earl and Elmer. In politics Mr. Smoke has always been a republican and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He belongs to St. Jacobs German Reformed church, of Germantown. He is a man of noble traits of character, of industry and enterprise, and these qualities have always enabled him to stand high in the respect and confidence of the community.

SAMUEL J. PARR.

Samuel J. Parr, a prosperous and well known farmer of Franklin township, a member of a family that for more than a century has been identified with the agricultural interests of Licking county, was born in Franklin township, October 10, 1851. His parents were George D. and Leanah (Hisey) Parr, the former being a native of this county where his birth occurred on September 3, 1818. Here he was reared and educated and engaged in tilling the soil until he departed

this life in the year 1898, at the ripe old age of eighty years. He was considered one of the substantial and representative citizens of the county, was recognized as a leader in politics on the democratic side and served the community in a number of township offices. His wife was a native of Shenandoah county, Virginia, where she was born in the year 1821, and when a girl removed to this county, where she was united in marriage and where she passed away on September 29, 1898, and was laid to rest beside her husband, who passed away in the same year. She came to this county with her father, Jonathan Hisey, who was one of the early settlers of the community, having located here in the year 1828. Mr. and Mrs. Parr had the following children: Jonathan, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of T. E. Osborn, a retired farmer of Newton; and Samuel J.

In the old-time log schoolhouse Samuel J. Parr acquired his education and then remained on the home farm until he was twenty-two years of age, when he located on a farm in Franklin township, where he has since followed agricultural pursuits. His farm embraces one hundred and fifty acres of excellent land, the soil being rich and very productive. When he took hold of this tract it was practically undeveloped and without any buildings but Mr. Parr at once industriously applied himself to the task of development and has since improved the property with an excellent residence and the necessary outbuildings and modern machinery so that his farm is now as fine a piece of land for agricultural purposes as there is in the county. In addition to producing hay and the various kinds of grain, Mr. Parr makes a specialty of breeding and feeding Chester White hogs and he has as fine stock in that line as can be procured.

Mr. Parr, on May 7, 1874, wedded Miss Sybilla C. Motherspaugh, a native of Franklin township, and a daughter of Samuel and Mary Ann (Swisher) Motherspaugh, who were also born in Franklin township, their births occurring in 1825 and 1830 respectively. Both passed away in the year 1889, on their farm in Franklin township near the Lutheran church, which is now occupied by their son. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Parr have been born the following children: William C. and Orville G., deceased; Bessie, wife of Charles Tavener, a farmer of Franklin township; and Maud. In politics Mr. Parr has always been associated with the democratic party and for several years served as township trustee. He is a member of the agricultural board of Newark and in Masonry of the blue lodge, chapter and consistory. He is also affiliated with Rowland Lodge, No. 305, Knights of Pythias. Mr. Parr is a man of acknowledged integrity and one of the enterprising and representative men of the community. It has been through his own exertions and careful management that he has attained to his present position of independence and prosperity.

MILTON L. MONTGOMERY.

Milton L. Montgomery, one of the pioneer agriculturists of Perry township, this county, who for upwards of three-quarters of a century has been actively engaged in tilling the soil and is now living a retired life in the enjoyment of the fruits of his long season of honest and earnest toil, was born here March 30,



MR. AND MRS. M. L. MONTGOMERY.

1828, a son of Henry and Mary (Grimes) Montgomery, his father having been a native of county Tyrone, Ireland, where his birth occurred January 8, 1790. With other members of the family Henry Montgomery landed in America in 1803, locating in Augusta county, Virginia, where he remained until his marriage with Miss Mary Grimes, who was born there. Removing to Licking county, he located in this township, where he lived in the active pursuit of agriculture and stock-raising until he departed this life. He was among the early pioneers of this county and was numbered among those who hewed down the forests and transformed the rough and arid acres into the vast expanse of fertile fields which today make the state known throughout the country for its fruitfulness. For sixty-four years he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, having united with that organization in the year 1807. Among his children were: Margaret, Wesley G., James S., Catherine, Nancy, William W., Sarah Ann, John H., Milton L. and Samuel H.

The boyhood days of Milton L. Montgomery were spent upon his father's farm, where he engaged in the daily routine of agricultural life during the summer season and in the winter attended the district school, where he obtained the rudiments of an education, for at that time the school system in the county was far from its present state of development and offered few advantages of anything like what would approach a complete course of training, but with this Mr. Montgomery was obliged to be satisfied, and he remained on the home farm until he was united in marriage, at which period of his life he left home and purchased the farm upon which he now resides. When he located upon this land it was in a raw condition, most of it being covered with timber and the remaining portion in a rough and undeveloped state and it was only by hard work, perseverance and patience that he succeeded in putting it into shape for cultivation. His first dwelling house was a small log cabin, having a clapboard roof, puncheon floors and the usual latch string upon the door. In this he lived for two years. Subsequently he erected a frame dwelling house which he vacated after fourteen years and constructed an elegant brick residence, consisting of thirteen rooms, which is considered one of the finest residences in Perry township. He owns three hundred acres of land, all of which is highly cultivated and on which he has made many improvements. The farm is provided with every convenience with which to carry on the work to the greatest advantage. While Mr. Montgomery has always paid attention to producing general crops he is engaged especially in raising and feeding stock and during his career he has shipped large quantities of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs throughout this and adjoining states.

He was united in marriage to Miss Matilda J. Fleming, a native of this township, where her birth occurred August 26, 1833, and a daughter of T. D. and Rebecca (Hall) Fleming, both of whom were natives of this county, where they spent their days and departed this life. To this union have been born three children, namely: Quinn, the eldest, living in Perry township; Emma I., widow of John Wintermute; and Anna R., deceased. The mother died in March, 1909. Mr. Montgomery is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, with which he has been affiliated for over fifty years, and in which for over forty years he was a leading factor in all departments of the work. His long life in this township has been one beyond reproach and now in his declining years, surrounded by the

prosperity—the fruits of his days of activity—he can now look back upon a well spent life and forward without fear, knowing assuredly that for his goodness, the interest he has taken in spreading the gospel of his Master and the exemplary life he has spent in the community, there can await nothing short of a glorious immortality.

ADAM EMSWILER.

Among the worthy citizens and substantial agriculturists of Etna township, is Adam Emswiler, whose influence has been felt not only in local public affairs but also in the part he has taken to develop the natural resources of the township and enhance its best interests. He has spent his entire life on the farm in Etna township on which his birth occurred March 12, 1855, and is a son of William Emswiler. He was a son of George and Frances (Corbin) Emswiler, natives of old Virginia, who in 1837 came to this county, where they spent their remaining days and reared the following children: William, John, Joseph, Elizabeth, Katherine, Frances and Susan. William Emswiler was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, January 6, 1818, and came to Licking county with his parents in 1837, making the journey by means of wagon and on horseback and locating on a farm adjoining the one now cultivated by the subject of this review. Here he spent his remaining days, having entered into rest November 25, 1889. When he came to this county he was practically without capital and upon his arrival secured employment as a farm hand at thirty-five cents per day, but, having been a man of health and vigor and naturally endowed with business ability, he gradually bettered his circumstances until at the time of his death he owned seven hundred and eighty acres of the finest land in this township and also had a section in Marion county, Kansas, on both of which tracts he pursued general farming and stock-raising, feeding all of his own stock and driving his herds to market. He did not care for public or social life, preferring rather to live in the quietude of his home circle. Consequently he was not affiliated with any fraternal organizations nor did he interest himself in political affairs, the only public life in which he took an interest being that of the church and he was a faithful attendant on the services of the United Brethren denomination. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Susan Goss, was a native of Fairfield county, Ohio, born in November, 1828, and a daughter of George and Barbara Goss. She remained at home until her marriage and during her latter years resided with her son William of Etna township, in whose home she departed this life July 2, 1900. She reared a family of ten children, five of whom lived to maturity, namely: Maggie, deceased, who was the wife of J. O. Snyder; Lida, who lives with her husband, James O. Prior, in Etna township; Adam; and John and William, agriculturists of Etna township.

Adam Emswiler's educational advantages were those afforded by the neighboring schools and upon completing his studies he remained upon the home farm. Here he has since resided and acquired quite a reputation as a breeder of horses and hogs. His farm embraces three hundred and twelve acres and aside from this tract of land he also owns another farm containing seventy-one acres in Lima township, both of which properties are highly improved and cultivated. The home

farm is widely known throughout the state by reason of the fact that when the pike was built in the early days there was located on it a tavern, which transacted an immense business and which accommodated the entire volume of travel from the east to points farther west. While Mr. Emswiler produces general crops his specialty is stock-raising and he buys and feeds stock of all kinds, having at present on hand sixteen head of high grade horses, one hundred head of hogs and thirty head of cattle, shipping at least two carloads of cattle annually. His stock farm is the equal of any in this part of the state and, having had a wide experience in the breeding of the various animals, he is recognized as an authority, particularly on horses and cattle.

On May 21, 1890, Mr. Emswiler wedded Lizzie D. Seever, a daughter of George W. and Caroline (Eversal) Seever, both of whom spent their entire lives in Fairfield county, where they reared five children, namely: Charles M., a resident of Baltimore, Ohio; David M., who lives near Millersport, Ohio; George C. and Bertie, who also reside near Millersport; and Lizzie D., who was born near that place. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Emswiler are Owen H., Byron S., Lee E., Zoa B., Mary C. and Delmas D. While Mr. Emswiler is not an active politician he has always been loyal to the republican party and uses his influence in behalf of the election of its candidates. He has served for the past ten years as a school director and for several terms as a road supervisor. His business relations have always been conducted on the basis of honesty and his general demeanor being such as to command the confidence and respect of his neighbors he merits a place among the township's worthy citizens.

IRA E. KELSEY.

Ira E. Kelsey, deceased, who for many years was numbered among the most prominent, prosperous and leading business men of Licking county, was born in Newport, New Hampshire, in 1816, a son of Ezekiel and Mary (Goodwin) Kelsey, who were natives of the old Granite state. The former at one time had extensive interests there, owning five hundred acres of land in New Hampshire. Later he became a planter in the south. His family numbered four children but Ira E. Kelsey was the only one who lived to marry, the others being Dr. Willard Kelsey, Harriet A. and Mary A.

In the state of his nativity Ira E. Kelsey remained until 1837, when, at the age of twenty-one years, he came alone to Ohio, which was then the "far west." Necessity rendered it imperative that he secure immediate employment and he worked east of Newark and in the vicinity of Hebron. He also engaged in teaching in the country schools for about ten years, as his own intellectual development qualified him for this work. He also clerked in warehouses in this county when the canal was the main artery of trade here. At the time of the Mexican war he joined Captain Duncan's Licking Rangers and served at the front in defense of the interests of this country. After the war he established himself in business as a merchant but later the fertility of his resource enabled him to extend his efforts into various lines and at different times he handled lumber, grain and

other commodities and in the management of his interests met with well merited prosperity. After the close of the Civil war, about 1867, a man from Zanesville erected the second tile factory in the state of Ohio and after it had been in operation for nine months Mr. Kelsey, with a partner, purchased this tile factory, which he conducted until his death. He withdrew from mercantile fields in 1870 and concentrated his energies upon industrial interests. The tile which he manufactured was of such excellence that it brought to him a wide reputation in that line and his trade extended throughout the United States, while some shipments were made to Mexico. His business became one of the most important and extensive productive concerns of the county and he ranked with the leading business men. In public affairs he was also prominent and his efforts constituted a factor in the substantial growth and development of this part of the state. He became one of the charter members of the Disciple church of Hebron and the influence of his life was always on the side of justice, truth and advancement. He was an active Mason, being in sympathy with the basic principles of the order, and was a stalwart republican and on the party ticket was elected to a number of village offices, the duties of which he discharged with promptness and fidelity.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Kelsey chose Miss Sarah Marsh, who was born in Herkimer county, New York, in 1829, and in 1832 was brought to Ohio by her parents, Lyman and Laura (Mayhew) Marsh, who were natives of the Empire state. They had four children when they came to Ohio and four were born here. They located at Hebron and Mrs. Kelsey remained throughout the rest of her days a resident of this village, her death occurring in May, 1908. By her marriage she became the mother of three children: Isadore, the wife of Captain J. T. Millhouse, of Hebron; Milton, who is mentioned on another page of this work; and Mary, the wife of Lemuel Baumgardner, living near Hebron in Union township. There were also two children who died in infancy.

ROBERT B. ALSDORF.

For almost the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten has Robert B. Alsdorf been a resident of this county. Great changes have occurred during this period. At the time of his arrival here in his early childhood there were still many log cabins in the county, the native forest trees were in places uncut and while the work of improvement was being steadily carried forward, there was a vast amount to be done ere the county would take on its present evidence of an advanced and progressive civilization. Many changes have been made in the manner of living and in the way that business is conducted. In his youthful days the old time farm machinery was yet in vogue and it is within his memory when the modern riding plow, thresher, cultivator and mowing machine were introduced. In his home community he has borne an active part in the work of general improvement and has long figured here as an influential citizen. The birth of Mr. Alsdorf occurred in Schenectady county, New York, July 26, 1837. The ancestry is traced back to Lawrence Alsdorf, who came to America in 1760 from the north of Germany, near Hol-

land, and settled on the Hudson, near Newburg, New York. He served under General Washington in the Revolutionary war and came of a family of patriots that rendered much assistance to the new republic. After the war he took up his abode on a farm in Schenectady county, New York, where he died at the age of ninety years. He held membership in the Presbyterian church and donated land for the site of the church and cemetery. He was married twice and both wives preceded him in death. He left two sons, Sylvester and Seaman.

Sylvester Alsdorf was a soldier of the war of 1812. He married Lydia Brown of Saratoga county, New York, and later followed farming near Schenectady. He and his wife were Presbyterians in belief although identified with the Methodist church for a number of years while living at Clifton Park. In politics he was a democrat in early life, but afterward became independent, supporting for office only the men best qualified for the services required. He died at the Glenville homestead, in New York, at the age of more than four score and ten years while his wife passed away only a few months previous. They were the parents of eleven children, eight of whom attained adult age: Sarah, who became the wife of John Huffman and died at Glenville, New York; Jacob, a farmer who died in Schenectady county, New York; Elias T., who passed away in the same county; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Nelson Cole and died in Saratoga county, New York; Maria, who wedded William Hayes and died in Saratoga county, New York; Valentine, a farmer and grain dealer, who died in Utica, Ohio, in 1861; Lawrence, who died at Mount Vernon, Ohio, in 1897, and William Alsdorf, who died at Utica in 1899.

William Alsdorf, son of Sylvester Alsdorf, was born in Schenectady county, New York, September 17, 1814—spent his early years on the home farm and acquired his education in the pioneer schoolhouses of that day. He married Sarah Reed, a native of Ireland, who had come to America from County Donegal in 1834, in company with her widowed mother, Mrs. Susanna Buchanan Reed, three sisters and a brother, John Reed. Her father, James Reed, died in County Donegal, where he spent his entire life. Sarah Reed was born in 1815 and in 1836 became the wife of William Alsdorf. In 1839 they removed to Licking county, Ohio, in company with Valentine and Susanna (Reed) Alsdorf, the latter a sister of Mrs. Sarah Alsdorf. The journey was made by way of the Erie canal, Lake Erie and the Ohio canal. William Alsdorf settled on a farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Washington township and, after living for five years in a log cabin, erected a substantial residence which is still standing. He also built a sawmill which he operated for about eight years. For a time he was in partnership with his brother-in-law, John Reed, but eventually purchased his interests. In 1858 he decided to remove his family to Utica and, on the death of his brother, Valentine, in the spring of 1861, took charge of the warehouse and elevator business on a lease. A year later he bought the property and conducted a general grain and livestock business, also acting as station master for the Sandusky, Mansfield & Newark Railroad, which later passed into the control of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. His youngest son, Wylie C., succeeded him in the railroad business, while his three elder sons, Robert B., John R. and William A., took charge of the shipping business, which they conducted under the firm name of Alsdorf Brothers, for more than thirty years.

Mr. and Mrs. William Alsdorf were parents of eight children, seven of whom lived to maturity, Robert being the eldest. The others are: John Reed, of Johnstown, Ohio; Fannie C., who became the wife of Levi Knowlton and died in Utica in 1900; Charlotte Collin, who married William McClelland and died in Utica in 1869; William A., who is associated with his brother, Robert, in the grain business and who, in 1887, married Lilian Miller, at Utica; Wylie, who married Emma D. Moore in 1881 and is station agent at Utica; and Nannie, wife of Frank R. Simmons, of Erie, Pennsylvania. The father, William Alsdorf, was a man of strong temperance views and he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church, as are their immediate descendants. He served as president of the Licking County Agricultural Society for many years, laid the present racing track on the grounds, was a member of the board fourteen years and did much for the advancement of its work. He lost his wife November 1, 1894, when she was seventy-nine years of age and he died in 1899, aged eighty-five years, greatly honored and respected by all because of his sterling integrity of character, excellent judgment and upright principles.

Robert B. Alsdorf was a little child of but three years when brought by his parents to Ohio in 1839. The family home was established on a farm about two miles south of Utica on Lake Fork, the father having there one hundred and fifty acres of land, which he cultivated, and also a sawmill, operated by him for a number of years. Robert B. Alsdorf there remained until about twenty years of age, when the family removed to Utica, the father afterward purchasing the warehouse and conducting the warehouse and the railroad station until he turned over the business to his sons,—Robert B., John R. and William A., taking charge of the shipping business while Wylie C. became station master. Robert B. Alsdorf has remained in Utica since 1858 and since his marriage has lived continuously in one house. He engaged in the grain business with his brothers here, buying and shipping grain, stock and wool. The three brothers, Robert B., John R. and William A., were partners in business for about thirty years, when John R. withdrew and is now a business man of Johnstown. A few years later the other two brothers divided their interests, William A. continuing to deal in wool and grain while Mr. Alsdorf, of this review, took as his share the real-estate interests of their business. He has continued, however, with his brother, William, in the hay trade and their sales return to them a gratifying annual income. As an operator in real estate he has handled considerable valuable property and has enjoyed well-merited success. He now owns sixty-two acres of land near the town of Utica, upon which the first gas well in the vicinity was sunk. He likewise has a nice residence property in the town, and other valuable property.

In 1864 Robert B. Alsdorf enlisted in the one hundred days' service and was mustered out with the rank of sergeant, after having served four months in Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Ohio Infantry. He was also one of the "squirrel hunters," who aided the state in 1861. He participated in two engagements, in which a number of his comrades were taken prisoners and sent to Andersonville prison.

On the 30th of January, 1868, at Utica, Mr. Alsdorf was married to Miss Allie R. Stevens, who was born in Utica, Ohio, January 3, 1848, a daughter of James S. and Julia (Penn) Stevens. The father was born at Utica, August 25,

1821. His parents, Uzziel and Almary (Bacon) Stevens, came to Utica in the early part of the nineteenth century from New York state. They had five sons and a daughter: John, who died in California; Lemuel, of Utica; Uzziel, of Mount Vernon, Ohio; Elijah, of Logansport, Indiana; James S., who died at Mansfield, Ohio; and Maria, who became the wife of E. McConnell and after his death married the Rev. Samuel Collins, of Pittsburg, where she later passed away.

James Smith Stevens, father of Mrs. Alsdorf, was born at Utica in 1821 and was married November 2, 1843, in Utica, Ohio, to Miss Julia Ann Penn. The ancestry of the Penn family is traced back to Joseph Penn, who was born in 1781 in Anne Arundel county, Maryland, to which place his parents had emigrated from England early in the century. They were the possessors of a large estate. Their family numbered six children, of whom Joseph was the eldest. Having arrived at mature years he married Rachel Jones, and with their two children, Rebecca and William, they arrived in Licking county in November, 1811, as members of a party of twenty-five adults, including his brother, Joshua, and four sisters, Rachel, Sallie, Mary and Margaret Penn, with their families. The second wedding ceremony performed in Washington township was a double one when two of Mr. Penn's sisters were married—Mary, to Joshua Barry, and Margaret, to Elijah Ryan. Mrs. Rachel Penn's brothers, Erasmus and Lemuel Jones, came from Maryland to Ohio in 1813 and settled on farms near Utica. Joseph and Rachel Penn had ten children, of whom two died in infancy. The others were as follows: Rebecca, born in Maryland in 1808, became the wife of Henry Marriott and removed to Union county, Ohio. William, born in Maryland in 1810, and Joshua, in Utica, both lived to an advanced age and died on the old homestead. Mary, born in 1818, died at the age of fourteen. Julia Ann, born in 1820, married James S. Stevens and passed away on the 12th of April, 1909. Rachel, born in 1823, and Marion Barry, born in 1826, never married but devoted their lives to the care of their aged mother and blind brother, William. Eliza, born in 1831, became the wife of William Gourley and died at their home near Utica. Joseph Penn, the father of this family, died in 1859 while his wife passed away in 1873, aged eighty-six years. She was the last survivor of the colony of twenty-five persons who emigrated to Ohio over the mountains from Maryland in 1811. Joseph Penn was a man of sterling integrity and strong Christian principles. His sympathies went out to the friendless and the suffering and his house was one of the underground stations, where escaping slaves were given aid and sent on their way northward. He was noted for his judicial fairness and was often called upon to settle neighborhood disputes. He and his wife held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and a memorial window has been recently placed in the new church to their memory by their only living daughter, Mrs. Julia A. Stevens.

As stated, James Smith Stevens and Julia Penn were married at Utica November 2, 1843, and soon afterward removed to Roundhead, Ohio, where their eldest daughter, Maria, was born in 1844, her death occurring in Utica in 1847. Their second daughter, Louise, born in Roundhead in 1846, is the wife of Charles Augustus Berlt, of Utica. Allie R., born in Utica in 1848, is now Mrs. Alsdorf. Clara Ellen died in Utica in 1869, at the age of twenty years. George Walter was born in Utica in 1851. Ida May, born in 1854, married Oscar Cary Mehurin,

of Newark, Ohio, now deceased. James Penn, born in Mansfield, Ohio, in 1857, died in Utica in 1860. Of this family, George W. Stevens has attained to more than local fame, being now president of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. In February, 1864, he entered the service of the Baltimore & Ohio at Utica as messenger boy and later became agent's clerk and operator. In 1870 he entered the service of the Pittsburg, Columbus, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railway, acting as agent, later as train dispatcher's assistant and then train dispatcher. In 1873 he became dispatcher for the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific Railway Company, was later chief dispatcher and then was made superintendent of the Ohio & Indiana division, while two years later he became superintendent of the eastern division of the same road. The excellent executive ability which he displayed resulted in his being made assistant general superintendent of the Wabash Road in 1887. On January 1, 1890, he was appointed general superintendent of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad and in July, 1891, became general manager. He stands today as one of the foremost representatives of railway interests in the country, having since January, 1900, been president of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway. He has been greatly interested in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association, promoting it through personal means and influence as well as by securing the powerful influence of the road in the establishment of no less than eight organizations, the management of the road paying the salaries of the association secretaries at these points, realizing the great benefits accruing in many ways from this work for their employes. George W. Stevens married Miss Virginia Wilson, of Logansport, Indiana, in 1881, and they have four children. The mother died at their country home, Virginia Manor, near Glasgow, Virginia, in August, 1904. James S. Stevens, the father of this family, died in Mansfield, Ohio, January 24, 1859, aged thirty-seven and a half years—a brief life surely, but one of great honor among his fellowmen because of his genial, kindly ways; unselfish practice of the golden rule, and earnest Christian character which made him universally liked and respected by all. His loss was mourned not only by his family and many friends at Utica, Mansfield and elsewhere, but also by the Methodist Sabbath school of Mansfield, of which he was superintendent, and which testified their appreciation of his worth by marching in a body to the station when the train conveyed his remains to Utica for burial. He was the organizer of the First Methodist Episcopal church Sabbath school in Utica, was its first superintendent and was ever active in the work of the church. Following her husband's death, Mrs. Stevens remained in Utica until she, too, was called to the home beyond. On the 26th of March, 1909, she celebrated her eighty-ninth birthday at Utica, in company with three of her children and two grandchildren. The dinner was served on President Steven's private car, which had been brought here for that purpose. One week later, however, she was taken ill and died at her home on the 12th of April, crowned with years and honored by all. She was laid to rest, with the loved ones gone before, on April 14, 1909, in the beautiful village cemetery.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Alsdorf has been blessed by the presence of six sons and one daughter: Fannie Louise, who died of diphtheria in 1880, when about three years of age; Albert S., who also fell a victim to that dread disease and passed away in 1879, when a little over five years old; Frederick C., who is engaged in important copper mining transactions in Arizona; Percy R., who is

proprietor of the Standard assaying office of Central City, Colorado; Robert Clyde, who is employed as draughtsman with the Standard Steel Car Works of Butler, Pennsylvania; Arthur K., clerk at the Baltimore & Ohio station at Utica; and George W., who is in his second year at the Ohio State University.

Such in brief is the life history of Robert B. Alsdorf, who for seventy years has lived in this county and is widely and favorably known. For more than forty years he and his wife have been members of the Presbyterian church and its teachings have constituted the guide and rule of his life. He has ever been an honorable, upright man and no history of Utica would be complete without the record of his life.

WILLIAM K. SCHWENK.

William K. Schwenk, who deals extensively in stock, making a specialty of dairy cows, is a native of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Zieglerville, April 28, 1874. He comes of an old family of that county and the town of Schwenkville was named in their honor. His parents were Franklin and Hannah (Krause) Schwenk, natives of Montgomery county, where Mrs. Schwenk departed this life February 2, 1887, her husband now residing in Schwenkville. He has been engaged in raising and dealing in stock all his life, and his son, William K., acts as buyer and ships the stock to his father, who makes the sales. He exclusively controls the trade of that town and disposes on an average of six cars of dairy cows per week. He is an expert in judging that class of stock, having followed the occupation since he was twelve years of age. He reared the following children, namely: Elizabeth May, widow of William Bard, of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania; Aaron, of Norristown, that state; Frank, of Zieglerville, Pennsylvania; Susan, who resides in Pennsylvania; Hannah, deceased; and William K.

Until he was thirteen years of age William K. Schwenk remained at home, in the meantime acquiring his education at the district schools, and then found employment on a farm, where he remained until he was twenty-one years old, at which age, in the year 1896, he went to Cadiz, Harrison county, Ohio, where he engaged in buying dairy cows. During the fall of the same year he came to Etna where he followed the same work during the summer season, spending the winters in his native county in the Keystone state until his marriage, when he located permanently in Etna. Since then in addition to farming he has continued to deal in stock on a large scale, buying and selling cows, horses, hogs and sheep, with especial attention given to dairy cows, and is the largest stock-buyer in this section of the county. He ships in the neighborhood of five hundred head of dairy cows annually, together with a great deal of poultry, particularly during the holiday season, and last Thanksgiving he disposed of a carload and also one at Christmas time. His horses are of the best breeds and every spring he ships two carloads or more to various parts of the country. He also handles fine cattle which he keeps in excellent condition. Mr. Schwenk spares neither time nor money in securing and caring for his stock, and consequently is known in many states as a promi-

nent dealer in horses and cattle. He owns a farm of fifty acres situated one-half mile north of Etna on the Etna road, which he keeps under cultivation, and a home in the village, and in addition to his general farming and stock-raising interests he is a stockholder in the telephone, gas, and oil company, and several other prominent enterprises.

Mr. Schwenk was united in marriage with Miss Mary Amanda Flake, who was born in New Jersey, January 22, 1882, and went to Pennsylvania with her father, there remaining until her marriage. She is a daughter of Joseph and Anna (Deyer) Flake. The mother departed this life in 1886, in her native state—New Jersey—and the father now resides in Norristown, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Schwenk have two children, namely: Eva, who was born December 23, 1902; and Frank, whose birth occurred June 1, 1906. Mr. Schwenk gives his support to the republican party and although he is not an active politician he uses his vote and influence during campaigns to further its interests. He is numbered among the enterprising business men of the community and is held in high respect for his industry and straightforwardness in transactions.

FREDERICK G. RICKLY.

Switzerland, land of the towering Alps, has given many worthy and industrious citizens to this country and among them are Jacob and Katherine (Garber) Rickly, who were natives of Canton Berne, Switzerland, where they were born in the year 1796 and 1799, respectively. There they were united in marriage and on September 1, 1834, started for this country with three children, two of whom died on the voyage. They located in Baltimore, Fairfield county, Ohio, subsequently removing to a farm near Kirkersville, where he spent the remainder of his life in the pursuit of agriculture on thirty acres of land. Jacob Rickly departed this life in 1872 while his wife lived to be ninety-four years of age and entered into rest March 16, 1893, while living at the residence of her son in Kirkersville. They had nine children, namely: Mary and Jacob, who died in infancy while enroute to this country from their native land; Emanuel, who was born in Switzerland and passed away here in his sixtieth year; Jacob, a resident of Kirkersville; John, who lives in Wood county, Ohio; Frederick G.; Mary, wife of Joseph Wells, of Missouri; Elizabeth, widow of A. Kemple, of Wood county, Ohio; and Caroline, deceased wife of Abram Frideger.

Frederick G. Rickly was born on a farm one mile west of Kirkersville, on the National pike, in Etna township, November 20, 1839, and here he always resided, engaging in general farming and stock-raising. His boyhood days were largely spent in the work of the fields and during the winter seasons he attended the district schools, where he acquired his education. He resided on the home farm with his parents until his marriage when he purchased a farm containing twenty-eight acres which he cultivated for twelve years, subsequently disposing of it and purchasing his present farm, which embraces fifty acres and lies east of St. Jacob's Reformed church. It is a highly improved tract of land, provided with substantial buildings, most of which he erected, and here he pursued general farming, engaging

to some extent in stock-raising. His farm is well cared for and Mr. Rickly, being a practical agriculturist, making such study of his soil as enables him to advantageously place his crops, he has from year to year gleaned from his fields harvests far in excess of those reaped from farms of a greater acreage. During the Civil war Mr. Rickly answered his country's call to arms and in 1864 enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Hancock and, serving with the one-hundred-day men, was stationed on guard duty at Harper's Ferry.

In 1866 Mr. Rickly wedded Sarah Hagy, a native of Etna, Ohio, where her birth occurred on December 24, 1844, and where she had always resided. She is a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Miller) Hagy, and a sister of Squire S. E. Hagy, a noted capitalist of this township. To Mr. and Mrs. Rickly have been born seven children, namely: Mary Katherine, whose birth occurred September 1, 1867, and who is the wife of Simon Smoke; Josephine L., born March 25, 1869, the wife of Charles Heimberger, of Etna township; Edward H., whose birth occurred August 29, 1871, and who resides with his wife, Edna (Rugg) Rickly, in Reynoldsburg; Emma F., born November 16, 1885, the wife of Peter Myers; William J., of Outville, Ohio, born March 29, 1882; Charles A., born February 16, 1885; and Roy Rex, whose birth occurred March 17, 1892. Mr. Rickly has been a republican in politics all his life and since he cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln has never seen cause to swerve from his party since he believes its principles to be in every sense adequate to maintain the permanent prosperity of the nation. He is a public-spirited man who has taken quite an interest in local affairs, having served in a number of township offices, among which are those of road supervisor and constable. He has also been a school director. He belongs to Baird Post, G. A. R., of Pataskala and is a member of St. Jacob's Reformed church, in which for many years he has been an elder. Mr. Rickly is a worthy representative of the citizenship of the county and his industry and upright character have stood him well in the battle of life and won him the respect and confidence of his neighbors.

SAMUEL S. DEVENNEY.

Samuel S. Devenney, engaged in general farming and the raising of short-horn cattle, was born on the farm he now cultivates in McKean township, January 23, 1846. Here his family have been identified with the farming interests of this vicinity for the past eighty-five years. His father, John P. Devenney, was a native of Orange county, Virginia, where his birth occurred March 11, 1808, and his mother, Mrs. D. B. (Sheldon) Devenney, was a native of Southampton, Massachusetts, where she was born August 27, 1809. Mrs. Devenney came to this county in 1827 with her mother and Mr. Devenney located here in the year 1831. In this township the couple became acquainted and were united in bonds of matrimony in the year 1834. He was a tanner by occupation but after he left his native state he did not follow his trade but took up farming and in 1835 bought a tract of land here, which he cultivated and upon which he resided until the year 1842, when he disposed of the property and purchased the farm on which

Samuel S. Devenney now lives. The father departed this life in the year 1895 and his wife one year later, and they were both laid to rest in Granville cemetery. They were the parents of the following children: Warner C., of Granville, Ohio; Emma A., wife of John M. Robison, of the same place; Helen; and Samuel S.

The last named acquired his education in the district schools here, pursuing his studies at intervals in connection with his farm duties. After leaving school he remained on the home farm and after the death of his father assumed the entire management. This farm embraces two hundred and twenty-seven acres of highly improved land and has also upon it two producing gas wells. Aside from this tract he also owns sixty acres in Granville township and seventy-five acres in Liberty township, both of which constitute valuable farms and are under cultivation. He engages in general farming and also makes a specialty of stock-raising, particularly shorthorn cattle and sheep. His premises are provided with every means for the successful pursuit of agriculture and his fields are made especially productive by the use of modern methods of fertilizing and a full line of modern farm machinery. He is recognized as one of the most substantial and prosperous farmers in the district.

Mr. Devenney gives his political support to the republican party and while he does not reach out after the preferment of office yet he does what he can to secure the election of its candidates. He has allied himself with this party because, after candid deliberation, he has come to the conclusion that its principles are fully adequate and necessary in order to insure the financial balance and permanent peace of the commonwealth. He belongs to Center Star Lodge, No. 13, A. F. & A. M., and takes pride in recalling the fact that his father and grandfather were also prominent members of the Masonic order.

JOHN W. BRETZ.

John W. Bretz, who is engaged in farming and stock-raising in Union township, Licking county, was born February 14, 1848, in Pleasant township, Fairfield county, Ohio, on a farm entered by his great-grandfather, John Bretz, in 1808, the latter having come from Germany in 1732 when eight years of age, locating with his parents and a brother, Jacob, in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. He removed from there to Pleasant township, Fairfield county, where he purchased a quarter section of land for each of his twelve heirs, all of whom located upon their allotments. In recent years, however, their descendants have left their original tracts and migrated to different parts of Seneca and Wyandot counties, in this state. Among his children was Henry, the last-born, who operated the home farm upon which he departed this life in his seventy-sixth year, and he had one son, John, the father of the subject of this review, who inherited the homestead and engaged in general agriculture until his death which occurred in 1853. John Bretz, Sr., wedded Dina Musselman, a native of Pleasant township, Fairfield county, where she spent her entire life, and was a daughter of Jacob and Dinah Musselman. She departed this life in her sixty-sixth year. She was the mother of five daughters and six sons, among the latter being John W.

John W. Bretz was but five years of age when his father died. He remained upon the home farm for forty years, in the meantime taking an active part in agricultural life. During his boyhood-days, availing himself of the educational advantages of the district schools and, being then married, he came to Union township, and located upon the farm he now cultivates, which contains one hundred and twenty-two acres of land. This finely cultivated farm is a mile and a half west of Hebron and it is here he engages in general farming and stock raising. The property is highly improved, provided with two excellent dwelling houses, a substantial barn and other outbuildings and, recently, he constructed a substantial cottage, which is now occupied by a tenant.

On April 25, 1876, Mr. Bretz wedded Christina Augusta Roads, whose birth occurred on the farm on which they now live, October 20, 1853, and here she has since resided with the exception of twelve years spent in Fairfield county. Her great-grandfather, John Roads, was born in 1760, and lived to the age of sixty-five. His son, Abraham, born in Virginia, in 1787, removed to Ohio with his wife, Anna (Beaver) Roads, in 1810, settling upon the farm now owned by the subject of this sketch, and here they departed this life in 1836 and 1866, respectively, he having been forty-nine years of age while his wife was in her seventy-ninth year. They reared a family of eight children, among whom was Joseph Roads, who was born in 1815 and wedded Nancy Moore, April 26, 1838, her birth having occurred December 9, 1818. They reared a family of seven daughters and one son, the latter having departed this life in his sixth year, while all of the former lived to be married and reared families. Joseph Roads entered into rest here June 8, 1900, and his wife on July 17, seven years later. Mr. and Mrs. Bretz are now living on the farm which they own and which her ancestors settled upon over a century ago, the primitive conditions which surrounded the premises in her great-grandfather's time having long since disappeared and the last of the old landmarks, a log cabin, in which Mrs. Bretz' father was born and reared, having been removed several years ago and supplanted by an elegant residence in which the couple now reside. Mr. Bretz is a democrat in politics and belongs to the Old-School Baptists, both he and his wife being members of the Hebron church of that denomination, in which Mr. Bretz has for a number of years officiated as deacon. He is a substantial farmer, industrious and enterprising and his straightforward life and the part he takes in the welfare of the community justly merits him the respect and confidence in which he is held by his fellow citizens.

JOHN C. NEEL.

John C. Neel, who for many years has been connected with the farming interests of Union township and is one of the most prominent men in its financial circles, descends from a family, the members of which for over a century have been associated with the agricultural and stock raising enterprise of this state. His grandfather, James Neel, was a native of Pennsylvania and came from Lancaster county in 1803, to a town of that name in Fairfield county, this state, where for a number of years he plied his trade as a bricklayer and many residences and

other buildings are now standing as evidences of his workmanship. Later he removed to Perry county, where he engaged in farming until he departed this life in the year 1835. He was left an orphan at an early age and tradition has it that his parents, who were early settlers in the Keystone state, were there massacred by the Indians. He was united in marriage three times and in all had a family of eighteen children. The maternal grandparents were pioneers of Walnut township, Fairfield county, and the subject of this review remembers hearing his grandmother relate the hardships endured while making a trip on horseback from that county to the state of Pennsylvania.

John C. Neel was born on the old homestead in this township, near his present farm, on February 16, 1850, and was a son of Jonathan and Nancy H. (Cherry) Neel, his father having been a native of Thorn township, Perry county, where he was born January 14, 1819, and his mother of Walnut township and during their infancy both lost their parents. In the year 1844 soon after they were united in marriage, they located here and spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. Neel passed away in 1894, having survived his wife by twelve years, her death having occurred in February, 1882. He was one of the most prosperous farmers of this vicinity and tilled about three hundred acres of land upon which he had made all necessary improvements and, at the same time being a man who took a deep interest in public affairs, he served in the office of township trustee for a number of years. Being dutiful in the fulfillment of his religious obligations, he attended divine services at the Methodist Episcopal church, later affiliating himself with the Church of Christ, and was well known for his Christian conduct and integrity. In his family were four children, namely: Martha A., who passed away in her sixteenth year; John C.; Leroy, who departed this life in 1881, leaving a widow and two sons; and Albert R., who entered into rest in 1903 and is survived by his widow and two daughters living in Hebron.

The district schools of this township afforded John C. Neel his preliminary education and subsequently he completed a scientific course at the Fairfield Union Academy, upon being graduated from which he became principal of the Hebron schools, in all having devoted twelve years to the profession. Giving up this early vocation he has since devoted his time and energy to farming. He has two hundred acres of land, all of which is thoroughly underlaid by a system of tile drainage, is under a high state of cultivation and on a portion of which there is a fine growth of timber. The attention to which he has given his farm has won it the reputation of being one of the most desirable in the county, particularly on account of its excellent drainage. Aside from engaging in general agriculture he also takes considerable interest in stock-raising, in which he does a fair shipping business throughout the state. He is also interested in other enterprises and is one of the original stock-holders of the Hebron Bank Company, of which he has been vice president since its organization.

On November 30, 1876, he wedded Susan Witmer, a native of Thorn township, Perry county, where her birth occurred December 7, 1856, and where she resided until the time of her marriage. She was a daughter of Solomon and Ann (Ritter) Witmer, her father being a native of that county, while her mother was born in the Keystone state. To Mr. and Mrs. Neel have been born three children, namely: Elmer D. and Florence L., who reside with their parents; and Nellie

G., who became the wife of O. O. Rutledge, now residing in Newark, the couple having one child, Lillian F. The principles of the democratic party have always strongly appealed to Mr. Neel as embodying those policies the observance of which will maintain the nation's institutions untarnished by the inhospitable hand of imperialism, and which will perpetuate that full measure of individual liberty to obtain which our forefathers sacrificed their lives in order that they might found a free government, under which personal rights would be respected and ambition sustained by worthy competition, which is the life of trade, the means of distributing wealth and hence, of enabling all to participate in the blessings of prosperity. Consequently, he has always been loyal to his party, and during elections is always ready with his vote and influence to secure the election of its candidates. Being as faithful to the performance of his religious obligations as in the care of his business interests he regularly attends divine services at the church of that denomination of Christians known as the Disciples of Christ, with which he has been affiliated for thirty-six years and of which he is a trustee. Mr. Neel is well known throughout the township, not only as an industrious citizen but also as a man of upright character, whose aim has always been to do what he could, not only to better the financial conditions of the community but also to contribute to its moral and spiritual uplift and, therefore, he is a valuable asset to the township and enjoys the respect and confidence of his neighbors.

WILLIAM C. MONTGOMERY.

William C. Montgomery, residing in Johnstown, owns and operates a good farm in Liberty township. He is also numbered among the veterans of the Civil war that Licking county furnished to the Union. He was born in Liberty township, March 23, 1840, a son of Samuel and Mary (Scymour) Montgomery, who were natives of this county, their ancestors having come from the state of Virginia at an early day. The father followed agricultural pursuits all his life and was a man of acknowledged integrity and sterling qualities of character, who exerted a wide influence for good throughout the county.

On his father's farm William C. Montgomery was reared, assisting in the general farm work during the summer and acquiring his education at the district schools in the winter season. Remaining at home until the outbreak of the Civil war, at the call of President Lincoln for troops, he enlisted in Company B, Seventy-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, on October 31, 1861, and served with his regiment throughout all the engagements in which it participated. He was present at Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth, Arkansas Post, Vicksburg, Chickasaw, Jacksonville, Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge. During his military career he was advanced to color sergeant, commanded the color guard, and at the battle of Ringgold, Georgia, on November 27, 1863, while carrying the company's flag, he was shot through the right arm and in that engagement the fire was so turned upon the color guard that seven of the eight men were severely wounded within a few moments after the battle commenced. Mr. Montgomery's wound was so serious that the field surgeons were compelled to amputate his right arm at the shoulder.

When able to leave the hospital he was furloughed and the government carried him on its payroll until the expiration of his three years' enlistment, when he was mustered out with his regiment and given an honorable discharge. A tribute to his bravery and meritorious service in the shape of a gold medal suitably engraved is very highly prized by Mr. Montgomery and it was presented to him by the surviving officers and members of his regiment at the close of the war.

After leaving the army he engaged in general merchandising at Wharton, Wyandotte county, Ohio, where he remained for one year and then returned to Liberty township, where he engaged in farming. In 1896 he removed to Johnstown, where he makes his residence, at the same time, however, continuing to operate his farm, on which he engages in the production of general crops and pays some attention to stock-raising. In agricultural pursuits he has met with splendid success and from year to year his crops have been such that he is now in comfortable circumstances.

On November 29, 1864, Mr. Montgomery was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Rhodeback, a daughter of Joseph S. and Mary Ann (Willard) Rhodeback, both parents having come to Licking county from Pennsylvania in 1836, where the father for many years was a prominent agriculturist. To this union were born three children: Orin E., a well known farmer and stock-raiser of this township; Alberta M., who became the wife of John Crouse; and Louis B., who remains at home and assists his father in the duties of the farm. Mr. Montgomery gives his political support to the republican party to which he has always been loyal. He was assessor of this township for eight successive years and for a long period was an efficient member of the school board. He is not affiliated with any secret societies or fraternal organizations, nor has he allied himself with any church body, but, notwithstanding, he is always willing to lend support to any movement which, to any degree, might promote the public good. He is a zealous advocate of public improvement, especially good roads and superior school systems, and is always ready to further any measure for betterment in this direction. Acknowledged to be one of the most substantial citizens of the township, he is well liked by all who know him and his social qualities have won him the respect and confidence of his many friends.

ANTHONY HUNTER.

Among the well known and progressive citizens of Franklin, who spent long years in the active pursuit of agriculture and after having lived an exemplary life passed into the world of beyond was Anthony Hunter, who departed this life at the advanced age of seventy-eight years. He was one of the oldest and most widely known farmers of this county and moreover possessed many noble traits of character. He, indeed, lived a well spent life and will long be remembered by those who knew him. He was a native of Ireland and when twenty years of age emigrated to this country, and settled in New York city. There he remained for a period of five years when he came to this county, where he spent his remaining days in industriously pursuing his farm duties.

Mr. Hunter was one of a family of six children, namely: Angeline, Isaac, Mary Jane and Jonathon, all of whom are deceased; and Sarah Anne. When he was still in babyhood he lost his mother and was reared by an uncle and an aunt. With them he remained until he came to the new world, locating in New York city where, after having spent five years, he returned to Ireland with the intention of remaining there, but finally again longed for the liberty of American shores. Returning to the United States, he located in Licking county, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and thirty-nine acres which he held under cultivation until the time of his death.

On October 13, 1866, Mr. Hunter was united in marriage with Miss Samantha Eddington, a native of this county and daughter of A. and Mary (Oshol) Eddington. Her grandfathers were both soldiers in the Colonial army during the Revolutionary war and lost their lives during engagements. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter became parents of the following children: Matilda and Ella, deceased; Anthony; James, who is united in marriage to Miss Irene Vernillion and has one child, Evelyn; Mantie; and Frank, who is an agriculturist of Franklin township.

Mr. Hunter left one farm containing one hundred and thirty-nine acres and another embracing one hundred and fourteen acres. The latter is in Franklin township and is under cultivation by his sons, Frank and James, who do a general farming business with special attention given to sheep-raising. Both farms are highly improved and beside having upon them comfortable residences they are equipped with buildings, machinery and every convenience requisite to make farming a paying proposition under modern methods. In politics Mr. Hunter always gave his allegiance to the republican party by reason of the fact that after studiously investigating its principles he concluded that they were in every particular best suited to establish and maintain the nation's financial integrity and assure its prosperity. Throughout his life he was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church and, having been a consistent Christian and an exemplary character, his passing out of this life in March, 1902, was to him but the entering through the door way of that higher and grander existence in which he had placed his faith and hope. The memory of his beautiful character, aglow with love, sympathy and kindness, will long be cherished by those who knew him.

HOWARD E. GRIFFITH.

Howard E. Griffith, a farmer of McKean township whose enterprise is bringing him increasing prosperity, is now cultivating a farm which was settled by his ancestors more than a century ago. He was born here October 10, 1845, son of William R. and Margaret (Jones) Griffith. His father, a native of Pennsylvania, located in this county in the year 1810 and resided here until his death in 1890, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. He came to this state in its pioneer days and when he took hold of the property which his son is now cultivating, and which is as fine a piece of land for farming purposes as exists in the township, it presented a far different appearance than it wears today. Timber broke the view, and thick undergrowth prevented free passage, and upon the whole the land was

in an unkempt and rough condition. It was only by hard and incessant labor that he succeeded in converting it into the tillable fields which he left as an inheritance to his son. His wife, a native of Wales, came to this county with her parents at a very early date and lived here until her death, which occurred in 1902. She had three children: Francis, deceased; Maria, wife of George Hankinson, of this county; and Howard E.

Until he had attained the age of eighteen years Howard E. Griffith remained under the parental roof, during which time he attended the district schools and assisted his father in the work of the farm. About that time the Civil war broke out and he enlisted in Company D, Twenty Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served as a private for one year, under General Steele, and was then honorably discharged at Fort Smith, Arkansas, at which time he returned to this county and settled on a farm. Leaving his duties as an agriculturist for a time he pursued a course of study in Denison College, and after having completed the course he spent four terms teaching school. Upon the death of his father he inherited the old homestead to which he returned and to which he has since been devoting his labors. The farm embraces seventy acres of rich soil, which by constant improvement is in the best possible condition for raising various kinds of grain. He has his place equipped with all kinds of machinery and every convenience necessary to make his work a paying proposition.

On January 21, 1873, Mr. Griffith wedded Miss Malinda J. Carris, a native of New York, who went to Lorain county, Ohio, at an early date. Her parents, who are both deceased, reared a family of four children besides Mrs. Griffith. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith are the parents of the following children: Paul, Maud, Gertrude, Herbert, Guy Leona and Stella. Leona is a graduate of the Granville high school and now a school teacher. Mr. Griffith is a supporter of the republican party, to the principles of which he has given careful study. He has rendered valuable services to the township as school director, in which office he officiated for several terms. Mr. Griffith is a Master Mason, a man of high moral character and is known throughout the county for his honesty and straightforwardness, as well as for his enterprise and industry. While his wife is an adherent of the Baptist church he is not allied with any particular religious body, but molding his life on the principles of Free Masonry, his is rather a religion of conduct.

F. WALTER SMITH.

F. Walter Smith, a prominent and prosperous farmer of Monroe township, who has rendered many useful public services and whose industry and perseverance have made him one of the substantial men of the community, is a native of Jersey township, Licking county, where his birth occurred January 23, 1856. Here he has spent the greater part of his life actively engaged in tilling the soil and raising stock in which, owing to his diligence and good management, he has met with splendid success and has accumulated sufficient means with which not only to assure his own comfort but also to be a beneficial factor in the general worth of the community. His parents are Joseph and Mary (Gregory) Smith, his father

being a son of Captain John B. Smith, a man of considerable wealth and influence and who came to this county from the state of Virginia at a very early day. Joseph Smith is a carpenter by trade and this occupation he followed for some time after locating here but eventually gave up his trade and turned his attention to agriculture. For many years he has followed this pursuit in connection with stock-raising and is well known throughout the township as an enterprising farmer and a man of strict honesty and character worth.

On his father's farm F. Walter Smith spent his boyhood and youth, in the meantime acquiring his education in the district schools of his native township, where he remained until he was twenty-three years of age, when he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Miller, daughter of Washington and Catherine (Cramer) Miller, of Monroe township. After his marriage he continued farming in Jersey township for twelve years, thence removing to Franklin county, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits for three years, at the expiration of which time he removed to Monroe township and settled on the farm he is now cultivating. His land is in excellent condition and since he took possession he has added many improvements including fences, barns and outbuildings, which have greatly enhanced the value of the property. His soil is very productive and Mr. Smith cultivates it by the most modern methods, so that from year to year he harvests large crops of hay, grain and other products. In addition to carrying on general farming he pays some attention to stock-raising and has a number of head of fine horses, sheep and cattle. He is a progressive farmer and through his industry and perseverance he keeps his tract of land, which consists of one hundred and twenty acres, in a high state of cultivation and endeavors through modern methods to make it produce its maximum yield, in which he has thus far been successful and throughout the township is recognized as among those who thoroughly understand the various phases of the enterprise.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have eight children: Cecil, deceased, born January 13, 1882; Floyd, whose birth occurred on January 7, 1884; Roxie, who was born July 11, 1886, and became the wife of Lester Piper; Pearl, born January 4, 1888; Gale, who entered this life November 12, 1890; Dean, born February 12, 1895; Virgil, born June 5, two years later; and Arthur, the youngest child, whose birth occurred January 26, 1899. Mr. Smith is prominent in the affairs of Jersey township and served several years as a member of the school board and also as road supervisor. He gives his support to the republican party and is active during campaigns in order to secure the election of its candidates. Fraternally he is connected with Johnstown Lodge, K. P.

GILBERT A. CLIFTON.

Gilbert A. Clifton, who in his younger days was one of the most extensive stock breeders and dealers in Licking county, and who is at present engaged in that enterprise in connection with general farming in Etna township, was a native of Thornville, Perry county, Ohio, where he was born December 15, 1846, a son of James and Mary (Foster) Clifton, his father being a native of Cleveland, Ohio.

and his mother of Thornville, both of whom passed away in Etna township, where they spent their declining years with their son, Gilbert A. The father was a saddler by trade and followed that occupation for many years in Thornville. They had two sons: Oliver P. and Gilbert A.

Gilbert A. Clifton remained under the parental roof, in the meantime acquiring his education at the district school, until fifteen years of age, when he enlisted, in the year 1862, in Company C, One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but after three months his parents had him recalled because of his youth. He gave up ambition for military honors for a while but later during the same year he again enlisted in the One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and was a second time taken out of the ranks at Camp Mingo, after having been a soldier but one month. However, his ardor to carry the musket and assist in sustaining the honor of his country was by no means cooled by these reverses and a third time he enlisted during the same year in Company A, of the Ninth Ohio Cavalry, under Captain James Sims, and served until the close of the war. In addition to taking part in the siege of Nashville, Rousan's raid and the Atlanta campaign, he was detailed as a scout under General Kilpatrick, with whom he served in Georgia, the Carolinas and at Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He participated in the grand review at Washington, D. C., and was honorably discharged at Camp Chase, in Columbus, in September, 1865.

Upon returning to Perry county, he pursued a course of study in Pleasantville Academy and in the academy at Lebanon, Ohio, and then completed a scientific course in Granville College, after which he spent two years teaching school at Pickerington, Ohio, and five years in the schools of Etna. He then gave up this vocation and bought a farm, on which he began stock-raising, and in this enterprise became known throughout every state in the Union. He engaged in breeding and raising all kinds of cattle and at one time bought two thousand Texas ponies, which he sold in various parts of the country. He engaged in stock-raising on a large scale until two years ago when, upon losing his son, he curtailed his business and is now carrying on general farming, dealing but little in livestock. At one time he owned and cultivated over four hundred acres but, meeting with adversity, he was forced to sell off all but that which he now has under cultivation.

Mr. Clifton was united in marriage to Almeda Grable, a native of Etna township and daughter of Jonathan and Nancy Essex Grable. They had one child, Allen Benton, who passed away in 1906, at the age of thirty-two years, leaving his widow, Mrs. Lula (Egolf) Clifton, and two children, Charles and Margaret. On January 11, 1908, Mr. Clifton wedded Mary S. Parks, a native of this county and a daughter of James and Elizabeth Parks, natives of this county. Mrs. Parks departed this life in Indianapolis, Indiana, while her husband still survives and resides at Clifton, that state. Of their family of eight children, all are living but one.

As to his political convictions Mr. Clifton is a democrat, the only time he withdrew his vote from that party being to vote for the late William McKinley. For nine years he was school examiner of the county, for six years county commissioner, and has also served as township clerk, assessor and trustee. He belongs to Lodge No. 404, A. F. & A. M., at Pataskala, being also a member of the chapter and commandery at Newark and the Scottish Rite, at Columbus, Ohio. He is

likewise a member of the subordinate lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Clifton, beside being an enterprising business man, of keen foresight and judgment, is also possessed of those high qualities of character which uphold religious thought and make for righteousness and is a staunch supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church, at the services of which he is a faithful worshiper. His career has in every respect been successful and, having made excellent use of his youthful energy and ability, he can now peacefully enjoy the fruits of his many years of activity.

JOHN KLINCK.

John Klinck, a progressive farmer and extensive land owner of Union township, this county, was born in Buffalo, New York, September 13, 1843, having come to the state of Ohio with his parents during the fall of that year, locating in Carroll, Fairfield county. His parents were John G. and Julianne Dorothy (Ulmer) Klinck, natives of Wittenberg, Germany, who left their native land shortly after they had been married and came to Buffalo, New York, where they remained but a brief period when they pursued their journey by canal to Millersport and thence to Carroll, Fairfield county, where Mr. Klinck was employed as lock tender until the death of his wife, which occurred October 9, 1846. He was again united in marriage and with his wife located in this township, where he pursued agriculture and stock-raising until he departed this life.

John Klinck was but seven years of age when he was brought by his father and stepmother to this place, prior to his father's second marriage having been bound out, here and in the district schools he acquired his education, in the meantime learning the art of husbandry on his father's farm, upon which he has since remained. He owns one hundred and fifty-one acres of land, eighty acres of which is part of his father's original estate, and here he engages in general farming and stock-raising, and during his career as an agriculturist he has met with such success as to have enabled him to amass considerable means and property. He is an extensive landed proprietor in the city of Columbus, where he owns a number of valuable lots. While he has not made a specialty of any particular line he deals to some extent in stock-raising, in which he has been quite a buyer and shipper. He is of a mechanical turn-of-mind and this has greatly benefited him in his farm work, as his adroitness has enabled him to repair his own machinery and keep it in excellent condition, and as well to make many articles which have been useful about the farm.

On March 9, 1875, he was united in marriage to Miss Olive Alvernon Ricketts, a native of Fairfield county, whose birth occurred near Pickerington on March 15, 1854, and a daughter of William S. and Eliza (Harmon) Ricketts. In their family were six children, namely: James H., who resides in Millersport, Fairfield county; Emma T., wife of Dallas Jeffries, the couple living in Mercer county; Olive Alverson; Bruce, who departed this life in his thirty-first year; Ida, who became the wife of Perry Klinck, a half brother of John Klinck; and Mabel E., wife of L. H. Soliday, of Franklin county. To Mr. and Mrs. Klinck

have been born: Eliza Fay, wife of Perry Van Trovinger, the couple residing in Crestline, this state; William J., at home; Roy C., who wedded Mary Kagy, the couple living in Newark, this state; Page T., who departed this life in his twelfth year; Carl E., who also resides with his parents; Emma Grace, who became the wife of Raymond Cunningham, the couple residing in Newark, this state; Hazel Dell, who passed away in infancy; and Ira M. and Pearl H., who live with their parents. Mr. Klinck also has five grand-children. The principles of the democratic party, in the opinion of Mr. Klinck, embody those policies the observance of which will maintain the nation's institutions untarnished by the tyranny of imperialism, and perpetuate that full measure of individual liberty for which our forefathers sacrificed their lives to the end that they might establish a free government under the laws of which individual rights would be regarded inviolable and ambition sustained by healthy competition, which gives impetus to industry, trade and commerce, distributes wealth and enables all to participate in the blessings of prosperity, and consequently, he has always been an ardent supporter of democracy and has done all in his power during elections to put into office the candidates of his party. He has always manifested a deep interest in local affairs and has served efficiently in a number of minor offices, and being a man of excellent moral character and one who is recognized throughout the township for his industry and aggressiveness, he is accounted among the community's most highly respected and representative citizens.

RICHARD S. SIGLER.

Among the representative citizens and agriculturists of Franklin township is Richard S. Sigler, who for a number of years followed the occupation of wagon-making, previous to taking up farm work. He is of sturdy German extraction and the name was originally Zigler but in course of time was changed to its present form. The Sigler family have been residents of this county for many years and in fact were among its early pioneers, the paternal grandfather, John Sigler, who was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, having located here when a young man. When he came to these parts the region presented a radically different appearance from what it does today. There were no farms ready for cultivation, the entire territory being in timber land and strewn with underbrush. However, Mr. Sigler, being of that sturdy German type which has done so much to develop the farming regions of this country, was undaunted before the difficulties which confronted him and after hard labor, reinforced with patience and perseverance, he succeeded in clearing off the land and putting it in condition for cultivation. He spent his entire life in this section, where he was finally laid to rest. The parents of Richard S. Sigler were Jacob and Jane A. (Inlerv) Sigler. The nativity of his father occurred in Franklin township, where he lived throughout his entire life with the exception of five years spent in Boone county, Iowa. He engaged in general farming and through his enterprise and industry became one of the most successful agriculturists in the vicinity and established a wide reputation for honesty and straightforward dealing. Throughout the entire county the Siglers have been

noted for their integrity and incessant business activity and have been numbered among the most progressive citizens of the community. The members of the family were not only diligent and ambitious to succeed but also possessed many laudable traits of character and sought, by modest and temperate lives, to exert the highest possible moral influence in the community. Jacob Sigler met with an accident by a falling limb which caused his death in the year 1874 and his remains were interred in the Ellis Chapel cemetery in this township. The accident occurred when he was entering a camp-meeting ground, where it was his intention to engage in religious services. His wife was a native of Ohio, spending most of her life in Licking county. When quite young she accompanied her parents to Franklin township, this county, and here remained until her death in 1883, when she was interred in Ellis Chapel cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Sigler had the following children: Jessie, deceased; Lavina, wife of William Waldorf, who is a farmer of Boone county, Iowa; John, deceased; Emma, widow of David Griffith; and Richard S.

Richard S. Sigler, who was born in Franklin township, January 16, 1836, acquired his education in the old log schoolhouse, which is still retained in the memory of those of his day and, having completed the course of study there, he remained on the home farm, engaging in its daily tasks until he was twenty-four years of age. He then gave up agriculture for a while and served an apprenticeship as a wagon-maker and, after becoming a journeyman, he followed the occupation for a period of twenty years, and then returned to the occupation of farming. He owns one hundred and sixty-five acres of land, all of which is highly-improved and in a fine condition for cultivation. Here he has, together with his residence, all the necessary buildings and machinery required to make agriculture a paying proposition and to conduct it along modern methods. He engages in general farming and at the same time takes some interest in the breeding of fine cattle, especially Jersey cows.

On December 18, 1862, Mr. Sigler was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth A. Irwin, who was born on the farm on which she now resides. Her parents were James B. and Mary (Swern) Irwin. Her father, a native of Maryland, came to this county with his people when he was three years of age and remained here until he departed this life in 1873, when his remains were interred in Pleasant cemetery, Madison township. Mrs. Sigler's grandfather was also a native of Maryland, where he passed away in the year 1861. Her mother was a native of Virginia, who came to Licking county with her people, pursuing the long and tiresome journey in wagons. In this county she was married and passed away on March 1, 1890. She had the following children: Elizabeth; Caroline, deceased; George W., who resides near Alexander, Ohio; and John P., deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Sigler had a family of four children: James F., who is a professor in a polytechnic school located in Fort Worth, Texas; J. E., who is a farmer and butcher, near Newark; Orren E., at home; and Rose Mary, deceased.

Mr. Sigler is of a religious turn of mind and deems it the first and noblest duty of man to acknowledge his allegiance to God upon all occasions and in every walk of life, and consequently he has ever been enthusiastic in religious work and has always endeavored to live an exemplary life and do all in his power to promote the spiritual welfare of the community. He is a consistent Christian and a faithful member of the Methodist Protestant church, in which for a number of

years he served as superintendent of the Sunday school and as steward and trustee. He is a man whose religion is not one of word alone but chiefly one of deed and in his long and useful life has abundantly manifested his practical belief in the scriptural teaching, "Faith without works is dead." In politics Mr. Sigler gives his support to the democratic party. For a period of twenty years he has served as township clerk and has also served as township trustee and member of the school board. He is affiliated with the Red Men. An enterprising, industrious and honorable life and stable qualities of character have won him the respect and esteem of all who know him.

PERRY KLINCK.

Perry Klinck, who was born and reared on the farm which he now cultivates in Union township, this county, descended from a family the members of which for over a century have been identified with the agricultural and stock-raising interests of the state of Ohio. His maternal grandmother, Lea Tumbleson, was a native of the Keystone state and went to Fairfield county in 1790 when she was nine years of age, making the long and tedious journey on a pack-saddle, and with her parents located about one mile from Carroll. Their nearest mill and trading point in those days was at Zanesville, which was about fifty miles from their farm. She wedded Edward Wisely, a native of the place in which they located, his birth having occurred September 20, 1782. He spent his entire life on the farm on which he was born and married, and his death took place July 20, 1833, the illness with which he was afflicted being cholera, his daughter-in-law having been taken with the same malady. At the time of his death he was a foreman in the construction of the Ohio canal, then under way. In his family were ten daughters and four sons, and at his death the entire family was left to be supported by his widow. The children with one exception lived to maturity, the last-born dying when but three years of age. The remaining ones were all united in marriage, excepting one, who passed away shortly before the day on which her contemplated marriage was to take place and was buried in her wedding garments. Although their mother could neither read nor write she transacted the affairs of a large farm and kept her children around her until her death, which occurred July 14, 1866, when she was past the age of seventy-six years.

Perry Klinck was born on his present farm February 15, 1855, a son of John G. and Mary (Wisely) Klinck. His father was a native of Wittenberg, Germany, where his birth occurred April 29, 1812, he having been the oldest of nine children and the first to come to the new world, but was subsequently joined by two brothers and one sister. He had twice been united in marriage, his first marriage having occurred in his native land to Julianne Dorothy Ulmer, on March 2, 1840, and immediately afterward they left the fatherland for America, settling near Carroll, Fairfield county, this state, where she departed this life October 9, 1846, when in her twenty-seventh year, leaving four children, namely: Caroline, who passed away on this farm October 23, 1861, when eighteen years of age, shortly before the day set for her marriage and she was laid to rest in her wedding clothes:

John, who cultivates part of the old home farm in this township; Edward, who departed this life, leaving his widow and four children; and Jacob, deceased. Mr. Klinck's second wife, Mary Wisely, was born in Carroll, Fairfield county, this state, March 31, 1812, and entered into rest October 16, 1876, leaving her husband and one child, Perry. She had been twice united in marriage, the first time to a cousin, William Patterson Wisely, in February, 1833, who passed away August 21, 1834. She was the fourth-born among fifteen children, and among her brothers and sisters who came to this country from Germany were: Matthew, who passed away in Indianapolis, Indiana; Thomas, who departed this life in Winchester, that state; and Caroline, who became the wife of J. C. Smith, the builder of the state house at Indianapolis, Indiana. J. C. Smith still lives, but his wife died in 1906. The elder Mr. Klinck purchased the farm now owned by his son, Perry, in 1848, and resided there all his life, with the exception of three years spent on the adjoining farm, which was the property of his mother-in-law. At the time of his death he owned three hundred and twenty-five acres of highly-improved land, to which he had given much attention and brought to a high state of cultivation. He was well-known throughout the county as an aggressive citizen and also for his upright life, and held membership in the Presbyterian church at Kirkerville.

Perry Klinck was reared on his father's farm and under his instructions became familiar with the art of farming, and in the meantime attended the district schools where he acquired his education. Upon completing his studies he still remained under the parental roof engaging in general agriculture, and upon the death of his father inherited his interest and has since devoted his time to general farming and stock-raising. Of the original farm he owns and cultivates one hundred and ten acres, all of which is highly improved and provided with excellent buildings, including a modern home, which he built in 1877, and also a substantial barn and outbuildings. Mr. Klinck has always aimed at conducting his farming business upon modern principles and, consequently, he is a student of soils and has been quite successful in the adaptation of his crops whereby he has been remunerated by abundant yields of the various grains. The farm is one of the best-kept in the community, everything about the premises indicating thrift and progress, and as regards his live-stock, while he does not engage in breeding on a large scale has a number of as fine specimens of cattle and sheep as can be produced in the township.

On July 3, 1878, he wedded Ida M. Ricketts, a native of Liberty township, Fairfield county, where her birth occurred January 26, 1863. She was a daughter of William S. and Eliza Harmon Ricketts, her father having been born in Pickerington, Fairfield county, Ohio, and her mother in Orangeville, Pennsylvania, both having departed this life in Liberty township, Fairfield county, having reared a family of four daughters and two sons. To Mr. and Mrs. Klinck have been born two daughters. Vera Myrtle, whose birth occurred May 21, 1883, became the wife of Spurgeon H. Applegate, of Grayson, Virginia, a son of the Rev. G. W. and Mary Lucretia (de Bord) Applegate, of Charleston, West Virginia. Rev. and Mrs. Applegate are now residing in Newark, the former being pastor of the Woodside Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon H. Applegate likewise make their home in Newark, Ohio, and have one child, Mabel Maxine, who was born in Newark, June 14, 1908. Mabel Alvernan, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Klinck, was born November 1, 1889, and resides with her parents. Believing that the principles of the republican party are the results of years of practical experience in the management of the nation's affairs and represent the political wisdom of the country's most economical thinkers and able statesmen, and that their worth is evident in the impetus their adoption has given to commerce and industry, advancing the nation's interests and developing its natural resources to the welfare of the individual and of the country at large, Mr. Klinck has always voted the republican ticket and has been loyal to these principles of the party. He belongs to a lodge of the Masonic order meeting at Millersport, and has been a member of a lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, meeting at Kirkersville, since January 1, 1876. Mr. Klinck is a man who always finds time for the fulfillment of his religious obligations, which he considers of the greatest import in life, and attends divine services at the Fletchers Chapel of the Methodist Episcopal church, in Fairfield county, and is very active in the affairs of the several departments of the congregation. He is favorably known throughout the community as a man not only inspired with an aggressive spirit, but also as one who has always looked toward the moral and spiritual side of life, and hence, his conduct has always been such as to give him high standing in the community, as a man of moral worth and integrity.

WILLIS F. TAYLOR.

Willis F. Taylor is the owner of an excellent farm of two hundred and eighteen acres of rich and arable land, well improved and under a high state of cultivation. It indicates in its excellent appearance the careful supervision of the owner, who in all of his farm work is practical and progressive, utilizing means that lead to desirable results. A native son of the county, he was born in Burlington township, November 22, 1848, his parents being William and Mary J. (Foster) Taylor. The father was a native of Iowa but when a young man came to Ohio and died in 1898. The mother's people lived for many years in Liberty township, casting in their lot with the early settlers who aided in reclaiming that district for the uses of civilization. Mrs. Taylor died when her son Willis was but eleven years of age and the family was somewhat broken up. He had no special advantages or privileges to aid him in early life, yet learned lessons of value concerning industry and perseverance. He secured a liberal education in the country schools and when old enough to earn his own living found employment at farm work. He was thus engaged until he started in farm life on his own account. He has always carried on general agricultural pursuits and what he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of his innate powers and talents. He is a truly self-made man and one who deserves much credit for what he has undertaken and accomplished.

On the 11th of September, 1872, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth M. Kasson, a daughter of Royal and Charlotte (Butt) Kasson. Her father died in July, 1908, but her mother is still living. He was the owner of much country property and improved real estate, a man of extensive business

interests and of wide influence. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Taylor has been born a son, Ben K., who now has had several years of experience as representative of extensive paint manufacturers of the Pacific coast and in China and Japan. He is now, however, associated with his father in the management of the farming and stock-raising interests. The Taylor farm consists of two hundred and eighteen acres of valuable and productive land, which is well improved and has been brought under a high state of cultivation. Substantial buildings have been erected and all modern equipments have been secured that constitute an element in the successful cultivation of the farm or in its general improvement. In the fall of 1908 Mr. Taylor retired and removed to Johnstown, purchasing a handsome residence, where the Taylor family now live.

Willis F. Taylor is, moreover, well known as a valued citizen of the community. He has for eight years acceptably served as a trustee of Monroe township and does all in his power to promote the welfare of his native county. Socially he is connected with Johnstown Lodge, K. P., and in politics is a democrat, believing firmly in the principles of the party. A man of distinctive character and high standing in the community, his opinions carry weight and his influence is an element in the welfare and development of this part of the state.

GEORGE W. GRIFFITH.

General agriculture and stock-raising have for many years engaged the attention of George W. Griffith of McKean township, whose birth occurred on the farm on which he now resides, September 28, 1847. He has spent his entire life on the place which for many years he has cultivated and is one of the oldest and most highly respected agriculturists in the county. His parents were John H. and Ann (Jones) Griffith. His father, a native of the Keystone state, came to this county in 1810 and at an auction sale bought the farm on which his son George W. now resides, the land having been sold for non-payment of taxes. In that day the property was far from being in a fit state for cultivation as it was thickly covered with timber and undergrowth, much energy and hard labor being required to remove this before any of the land could be utilized for farming purposes. The first work which fell to the lot of John H. Griffith upon gaining possession of the land was that of constructing a small log cabin in which he lived for a number of years. On this farm he resided until 1849 and during the year when hundreds were travelling to California in search for gold he too became inspired with the idea that he might derive his fortune by mining, and repaired to that state, making the trip across the plains with an ox-team. However his hopes were never realized for in a few months after he had landed he took sick and departed this life in the year 1850. His wife lived in this county until she died in October, 1888. In their family were two children, Albert, deceased, and George W.

On his father's farm George W. Griffith was reared and the country at that time being sparsely settled he obviously received little education since the district school during his boyhood was far from being as adequate to serve educational needs as it is today. However, it later fell to his lot to attend the college at Gran-

ville. He remained at home until he was of age when he bought the old home and its surrounding one hundred acres, on which he has since been engaged in general agriculture, making a specialty of raising and feeding sheep. In this he has been quite successful and has done a large shipping business to various portions of Ohio and adjoining states.

On December 30, 1874, Mr. Griffith was united in marriage to Miss Ella Woodard, a native of Granville, Ohio, where her birth occurred January 17, 1852, and a daughter of Joseph and Sophia (Bowman) Woodard, both of whom were born in that place and have departed this life. Mrs. Griffith is one of a family of seven children and has four children: Alice, who became the wife of Howard Butcher, of this county; Josephine, the wife of Ross Cheek, of Columbus, Ohio; Arthur; and Myrtle M., who was graduated from the Granville high school and was married to Emery Hankinson April 7, 1909. Mr. Griffith is a member of that denomination known as the Disciples of Christ, while his wife and children are members of the Baptist church. He has always merited the respect and confidence of his neighbors and is in every respect one of the township's representative citizens.

JONATHAN H. EGOLF.

Jonathan H. Egolf was a veteran of the Civil war, who for many years engaged in general merchandising in Etna township but for a period of nine years prior to his death, which occurred February 1, 1908, lived in retirement, confining his activity chiefly to looking after his farms and financial interests. He was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, September 13, 1832, and located in Licking county fifty-seven years ago. His parents, John and Mary (Horner) Egolf, spent their lives in the Keystone state, where they had three daughters and five sons, who attained the age of maturity.

Jonathan Egolf, the first born, acquired his education in the district schools of his native county and when twenty years of age came to Etna, Ohio, where he was employed as a clerk in a general store, the proprietor of which was Charles Elliott. He remained there until July, 1863, when he enlisted in Company E, Fifth Regiment of the Ohio National Guards, later joining Company D, Eighty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served as sergeant until the close of the war, when he returned to Etna and engaged in general merchandising, which he followed greatly to his pecuniary advantage until the year 1891, when he disposed of the business to his son Harry H. and practically lived a retired life, doing little else than supervising his invested interests and looking after the affairs of his farms, one of which contains one hundred and thirty acres and adjoins Etna village and the other one hundred and sixty acres, in White county, Indiana. After selling his general store he opened a carriage and harness store and although he was not actively engaged in its management he held his interest until his death. Aside from owning many acres of farm land he also owned much town property, including the store building now used for the carriage and harness enterprise and the business premises and home occupied by his son.

On October 30, 1856, Mr. Egolf was united in marriage to Sarah Shirey, a native of the Keystone state who passed away April 21, 1866, leaving her husband and the following children: Mary B., wife of J. D. Kilner, of Columbus, Ohio, by whom she has one son, Arthur D.; Harry H., the present postmaster of Etna, who has one son, Paul; and Ella, who departed this life in infancy. His second marriage was to Rebecca Manger, in May, 1865, and she departed this life June 28, 1869. Mr. Egolf was then married, April 12, 1870, to Margaret R. Swisher, a native of Lima township, where her birth occurred September 11, 1847, and where she remained until fourteen years of age, when she removed to Columbus and lived until her marriage. She was a daughter of Philip and Cassandra (Hughes) Swisher, whose ancestry is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. The children of the third marriage are: J. Farris, of Springfield, Ohio; Lula May, widow of A. Benton Clifton, who has two children, Charles E. and Margaret N.; and Charles F., of Cincinnati, who wedded Lena Eyer.

Mr. Egolf was originally an adherent of the Lutheran faith but, upon locating in Etna, he became affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church in which he was an active worker. He was superintendent of the Sunday school for over twenty-five years and was a member of the building committee of the church which provided for and pushed to completion the present edifice. He was also a charter member of Evergreen lodge, I. O. O. F. For thirty years he served as postmaster of Etna and was treasurer of the school board and instrumental in securing the new school edifice. He was in every sense a man of excellent traits and qualities, profoundly religious, and his useful and exemplary life has left an impress upon the community which will give him an abiding place in the annals of the township.

GEORGE W. BEALL.

George W. Beall, who has large farming interests in Newark township, this county, was born in Franklin township, August 5, 1869, a son of William N. and Mary A. (Wells) Beall. The father, a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, came to this county with his family at an early date, locating in Hope-well township, where he bought two hundred acres of land which prosperity enabled him to increase from year to year until its annual harvests in the course of time enabled him to accumulate his present fortune. He has now retired from active business and resides with his wife at No. 202 West Locust street, Newark. Mr. Beall was twice wedded, first to Miss Harriett Campbell by whom he had eight children, and following the death of their mother Mr. Beall in Steubenville, Ohio, wedded Miss Mary A. Wells, a native of Jefferson county, Ohio, by whom he has had two children, Maggie M., who became the wife of A. E. Hoskinson, of Chatham, Ohio; and George W.

During his boyhood days George W. Beall was employed upon his father's farm, in the meantime availing himself of the educational advantages of the neighboring school. Remaining at home with his father until the latter retired from active life, he then assumed the management of the farm, upon which he

has since carried on general agricultural pursuits with the exception of eight years, the most of which time he was engaged in the farming implement business. He has always controlled the land in Franklin township, and besides this controls four hundred and fifteen acres of land, two hundred and thirteen acres of which is the property of his wife. While he pays considerable attention to the raising of general crops, he makes a specialty of stock-raising and feeding.

In 1893 Mr. Beall wedded Miss Mary Pearl Hirst, of Franklin township, to which union have been born four children, namely: Florence, Roy Arthur, Winona and John Rolla, all of whom reside at home, the oldest child being a pupil at St. Marys school at Columbus, Ohio. Politically Mr. Beall is loyal to the democratic party and being interested also to some extent in local politics he is now serving as a director of the school board. He belongs to Newark Lodge, No. 13, K. of P., and in company with his wife attends divine worship at the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Beall is one of the most prosperous farmers in this part of the township and his influence has been widely felt in upbuilding the business interests of the community.

R. F. TYLER.

R. F. Tyler, who devotes his attention to general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising in St. Albans township, was born on the farm he now has under cultivation, on September 15, 1858, a son of Foster and Martha (Alward) Tyler, his father being a native of Essex, Vermont, where his birth occurred July 5, 1820, and his mother of Lima township, this county, where she was born on January 20, 1826. Mr. Tyler was a son of Colonel George and Esther (Joslyn) Tyler. The former, a highly respected citizen of the community, departed this life in February, 1862, at the age of ninety-three years, while his wife passed away at the age of sixty-nine. In company with his parents Foster Tyler came to this county in October, locating in Granville. In the year 1840 he removed to a farm on Locust Street road, where he spent his remaining days, his death having occurred on February 9, 1892. His home farm consisted of one hundred and eighty-five acres, while in all, throughout the county, he owned four hundred acres and in addition possessed about the same number of acres in Washington and Wright counties, Iowa. In connection with general farming Mr. Tyler paid a great deal of attention to stock-raising. For many years he was an active democrat and a member of the township board of education. Mrs. Tyler, wife of Foster Tyler, was a daughter of Samuel D. and Maria (Buckland) Alward and the mother of the following children: Emma E., deceased, wife of Alfred D. Osborn; Lyman B., deceased; Ella, wife of Dr. George L. Garner, of Lansing, Michigan; and R. F.

After acquiring his education in the district schools R. F. Tyler devoted his time to agricultural pursuits on the farm where he has always resided, being the oldest continuous resident on Locust Street road. He has spent his entire life in cultivating his place, which consists of two hundred and ninety-five acres, located one and three-fourths miles west of Alexandria, the property being known as

Hickory Grove farm, on account of its hickory trees, a dozen or more of which surround his elegant eleven-room dwelling, which he built in the year 1893. In addition to this farm Mr. Tyler possesses one hundred acres adjoining the corporation limits of Pataskala, Lima township, where a tenant operates an extensive dairy business in partnership with Mr. Tyler, and seventy-seven acres known as the Big Spring Farm, north of Granville. The dairy business and horse-raising demand most of Mr. Tyler's attention and he has bred some excellent specimens of the animal for draft purposes, while at the same time he gives attention to hay and general grain crops.

On April 10, 1883, Mr. Tyler wedded Phoebe A. Jones, a daughter of Edward Jones, who was born February 2, 1863, and departed this life November 20, 1896, leaving her husband and three children, namely: Edward A., Foster and Ruby. On August 9, 1898, Mr. Tyler was united in marriage to Anna Jones, a second cousin of his former wife. She was born September 15, 1860, at Welsh Hills, Granville township, and was a daughter of Hiram D. and Elizabeth (Jones) Jones, natives of Oneida county, New York, where he was born December 25, 1829, and his wife, June 13, 1833. Both her parents were of Welsh extraction and located near Granville in 1837. Hiram Jones was a son of David R. and Susanna (Thomas) Jones, and departed this life in the year 1873 and Elizabeth Jones was a daughter of David and Gwenn Jones, and passed away April 23, 1896.

Mr. Tyler votes the democratic ticket and for several years has served as a member of the township board of education. He is a member of the Farmers Institute, in which he is deeply interested, and has officiated for two terms as president of that organization in Alexandria. He is attentive to his religious obligations and is a member of the Baptist church of Alexandria, of which organization he is a trustee. Mr. Tyler is a man of high moral character, considering foremost his religious duties and is held in high respect, both on account of his industry and exemplary life.

GEORGE HANKINSON.

George Hankinson, an enterprising and successful agriculturist residing in McKean township, was born in Perry county, Ohio, December 26, 1844, his parents being Simeon and Susanna (Collingham) Hankinson, natives of New Jersey. The year 1836 witnessed their removal to Perry county, Ohio, and in 1854 they came to Licking county, here residing until the time of their demise. Unto this worthy couple were born eleven children, namely: Margaret, who is a resident of this county; Samuel, of Newton township; William, who is deceased; George, of this review; Joseph, who also makes his home in Licking county; Mary E., David and Simeon, all of whom have passed away; Josiah, of this county; John, living in Perry county, Ohio; and Titus, a resident of McKean township.

George Hankinson obtained a good, practical education in the public schools and remained under the parental roof until nineteen years of age, when he enlisted in the Union army as a member of Company C, Tenth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, with which he served for eighteen months. He accompanied Sherman on the

celebrated march to the sea and also participated in a number of hotly contested engagements, being a brave and valiant defender of the cause which he espoused. After being honorably discharged at Cleveland, Ohio, he returned to Licking county and remained at home until the time of his marriage, in 1869, when he secured employment as a farm hand and was thus busily engaged for sixteen years. His wife then inherited a farm of seventy acres in McKean township, in the cultivation of which he has since been successfully engaged, the fields annually yielding golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them.

As before stated, Mr. Hankinson was married in 1869, the lady of his choice being Miss Maria L. Griffith, whose birth occurred in McKean township, March 10, 1844, her parents being William R. and Margaret (Jones) Griffith. The father was a native of Pennsylvania and the mother, who was born in Wales, was but a small child when she accompanied her parents on their emigration to the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith, both of whom are now deceased, reared a family of three children. Our subject and his wife have no children of their own but adopted a daughter, Florence, who, with her husband, F. L. Courson, now resides on Mr. Hankinson's farm.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Hankinson has given his political allegiance to the republican party and has served as school director for six terms, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion. He still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in G. A. R. Post, No. 704, and both he and his wife belong to the Christian church, in the work of which he is actively and helpfully interested, having served both as deacon and trustee. For more than a half century he has been a resident of this county and his fellow townsmen know that his life record has been characterized by fidelity to duty and by honor in all his relations with his fellowmen.

HARRY H. EGOLF.

Harry H. Egolf, postmaster of Etna, has contributed extensively to the commercial interests of this place and is one of its enterprising and progressive citizens. He was born in Etna June 28, 1864, and he has always resided here. He was a son of Jonathan H. and Sarah (Shirey) Egolf, the former, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume, having been a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania. Having located in Etna township when a young man, possessed of neither money nor influence, by his excellent business ability he became one of the leading business men and constructed several of the largest buildings. For many years he was engaged in the general merchandise business, in which he continued until a few years before he departed this life, his death occurring February 1, 1908. He had been united in marriage three times, his first marriage having been with Sarah Shirey, on October 30, 1856. She was a native of the Keystone state, passed away April 21, 1866, leaving the following children: Mary B., who is the wife of J. D. Kilner, of Columbus, Ohio, and has one son, Arthur D.; Harry H.,

of this review; and Ella, who departed this life in infancy. His second marriage was to Rebecca Mauger, in May, 1865, and she departed this life June 28, 1869. Mr. Egolf was then united in marriage, on April 12, 1870, to Margaret R. Swisher, a native of Lima township, where her birth occurred September 11, 1847, and where she remained until fourteen years of age, when she removed to Columbus and lived until her marriage. She was a daughter of Philip and Cassandra (Hughes) Swisher, whose ancestry is mentioned on another page of this work. The children of this marriage were: J. Farris, of Springfield, Ohio; Lula May, who is the widow of A. Benton Clifton, and has two children, Charles E. and Margaret N.; and Charles F., of Cincinnati, who wedded Lena Eyer.

In the public schools of this township Harry H. Egolf received his education and, upon the completion of his studies, he undertook the cultivation of a farm owned by his father and followed agricultural pursuits for several years and then was employed in his father's store. While in that position he displayed keen enterprise and business judgment and, in 1901 when his father retired from active commercial life, he bought out his interest and for the past twelve years has been in charge of the enterprise. He carries a full line of merchandise in which he is an extensive dealer and, since assuming the management of affairs he has, by his persevering efforts, so increased the volume of business that his establishment is now one of the largest of the kind in the county. In addition to managing his mercantile interests, he has also been the agent for the Ohio Electric Railroad Company since it was constructed.

Mr. Egolf was united in marriage to Hattie Warner, a native of this township and a daughter of Anson and Catherine (Levill) Warner. They have one son, Paul W., whose birth occurred here September 21, 1889. As a man of affairs, who is a power in the business life of the community, Mr. Egolf's merits are widely acknowledged, his excellent traits of character and straightforwardness having gained him great popularity, making him the choice of the people to officiate in the responsible capacity of postmaster for the past ten years. He is not affiliated with any secret or social organizations since his pressing business affairs require his undivided attention.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH T. REYNOLDS.

Captain Joseph T. Reynolds, who made a brilliant record during the Civil war, and has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits in Lima township, this county, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 9, 1832, a son of Amos and Anne (Moore) Reynolds, his mother's birth having occurred on the Atlantic ocean while her parents were on the way from Ireland to the new world. In the city of Philadelphia she resided until she was married and her death occurred in Reynoldsburg, this state, in 1846, when she was in her thirty-fifth year. Her brother, Rev. James Moore, was a prominent Methodist Episcopal clergyman in Philadelphia. Amos Reynolds was a native of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and passed away in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, in 1861, being at that time about sixty-three years of age. While in his native state he was employed on the railroad,

doing construction work, but after he had come to Ohio he applied himself to farming and continued that pursuit the remainder of his days. He was twice united in marriage, the second time to Christiana Neiswander, and in all reared a family of eight children, six of whom were by his first wife: Joseph T.; Mary Howard, deceased; James M., deceased; Mrs. Amanda McCray, of Kendallville, Indiana; John, of Laclede county, Missouri, who served in the Forty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war, having enlisted in Franklin county, this state; Mrs. Lettie Johnson, deceased; Mrs. Lydia Chamberlin, deceased; and Mrs. Ella Rinker, who resides in Newark.

Joseph T. Reynolds, in 1837, removed with his parents to Reynoldsburg, Franklin county, this state, and resided there with them until 1856, in the meantime acquiring his education in the district schools. During that year he went to California, via the Isthmus, and remained in the Golden State for three years, excepting about seven months spent on a tour through the British possessions, on which he traveled as far north as the Fraser river. While in California he spent his time in gold-mining and prospecting, at both of which he made quite a success, and in the fall of the year 1860 he returned to Franklin county. When the call came for troops to enlist in the fight for the maintenance of the Union, he joined Company F, First Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, under Captain Cupp, September 25, 1861, and served in the Army of the West. He took part in the famous battle of Shiloh, and served under General Rosecrans throughout the campaign which terminated with the battle of Chickamauga and that of Missionary Ridge. Later he participated in the Atlanta campaign under General Sherman, and was in the Wilson raid after the capture of Atlanta. When Mr. Reynolds enlisted at Camp Chase he was detailed as a private but on account of his bravery during the service he was finally promoted to the rank of captain and during the last ten months of his service commanded Company M, of his regiment. He was mustered out on September 27, 1865, at Hilton Head, South Carolina, after a continuous service of four years and three days. During his military career the Captain witnessed much hard fighting, and on several occasions was commissioned to perform very dangerous tasks. On Sunday night before the battle of Shiloh he was asleep in his tent at Columbia, Tennessee, and about ten o'clock at night Captain Cupp awoke him and informed him that he had a despatch to be delivered to General Grant, who was located ninety miles up the Tennessee river, and that he wished him to carry the message. Captain Reynolds at once got himself ready for duty and, being instructed by his commanding officer to pick out a man to go with him and to select excellent horses, he attended to this and in a few minutes the two were in the saddle and ready to make the long and precarious journey. The last words which Colonel Smith delivered to them as they headed their horses up the Tennessee river were: "You are expected to deliver that message to General Grant's headquarters or leave your dead bodies on the road." They started off on the trip with these words in mind and with the firm resolve to reach the headquarters of the commanding general at all hazards, and about ten o'clock the next morning they arrived at their destination, much the worse for the rough ride, were called into the presence of General Grant, delivered their message and were personally complimented by him for the task they had undertaken and the speed with which they had accomplished it. They were in peril all along the line

from sharpshooters and almost all the way they traveled within fifty miles of the rebel pickets and passed through the enemy's line. It was considered a very hazardous ride, and at every moment the chances were against them, but both being brave-hearted and resolute they did not cower under the impending dangers but hastened onward as fast as their steeds could carry them, delivered their message and returned in safety to their own regiment.

After the war Captain Reynolds resided for about fifteen years in the neighborhood of Reynoldsburg, engaged in farming, and twenty-five years ago removed to Etna township, this county, where he remained for five years, at the termination of which time he secured his present farm, consisting of ninety-four acres. He has since been engaged in general farming and also carries on stock-raising on a small scale.

In March, 1866, Captain Reynolds wedded Amanda Myers, who was born in Lima township, October 9, 1840, a daughter of John and Nancy (Warner) Myers, her father a native of this county, where he departed this life, and her mother of Fairfield county, but passed away in Franklin county. Her father, Henry Warner, was originally from Virginia and was among the early pioneers of Ohio, locating at Leroy. Mrs. Reynolds is one of a family of six children, namely: Mrs. Mahala Scott; Mrs. Rebecca Bird, of Allen county; Amanda; Caroline, who departed this life in her seventeenth year; Henry, deceased; and Augustus, who died while serving in the Civil war, having enlisted from Franklin county in the Ninety-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds: James M., clerk of the courts, of Columbus, Ohio; Homer and Jessie, twins, the former residing with his parents and the latter living in Newark, with a brother; Nellie, who lives at home; Zettie, who also resides with her parents; and Alvah, a widower residing in Newark, with his daughters, Pansy and Dorothy.

The principles of the republican party have always appealed to Mr. Reynolds as embodying those policies best suited to give impetus to commerce and industry and subserve in the highest measure the nation's financial standing. Consequently he has always been loyal to his party and during election times has always given his vote and influence toward placing its candidates in office. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, and attends divine worship at the Methodist Episcopal church of Pataskala. He is a progressive agriculturist and in citizenship is as true and loyal to local and national interests as when he followed the old flag on southern battlefields.

ELLA M. TRIPPIER.

The Trippier family has long been represented in Licking county, and Miss Trippier, who is now conducting a general store in the village of St. Louisville, is a native of this county. Her parents were Joseph and Sarah Trippier, the former born in Portage, Ohio, and the latter in Licking county. The father came to the latter county at an early date and both he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives here. Mrs. Trippier passing away in March, 1890, while Mr. Trippier's

death occurred in 1899. In their family were seven children: Adaline, now the wife of James Brush, of this county; Miss Ella M. Trippier, whose name introduces this review; Tina, the wife of John W. Miller, of Wood county, Ohio; Christopher, also living in Licking county; Clemma, the wife of L. C. Franks, of Columbus, Franklin county; Roxa, who lives with her sister Ella; and Lawrence, who died, aged one year and four months.

Miss Trippier has always resided in Licking county, was educated in the public schools and is now well-known in connection with the business interests of St. Louisville, where she is conducting a well-appointed general store, carrying a large and carefully selected line of goods, so that her annual sales amount to between six and eight thousand dollars. She capably manages her interests and is a lady of widely acknowledged business ability. She holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and has many friends in the community who esteem her greatly for her many good traits of heart and mind.

FRANK C. OSBURN.

Frank C. Osburn, well known throughout Newark township, as a breeder of fine stock, particularly of hogs and Jersey cattle, was born in Franklin township, August 17, 1870, and descends from a family identified with the agricultural interests of this section of the state for more than a century, his grandfather, Lee Osburn, a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, having come to this county in 1828, locating in Franklin township on the farm on which the father of F. C. Osburn now resides, and later removing to Licking township, where he departed this life.

Among his children was William R., Osburn, who was born in Franklin township on his father's farm, where he resided until the year 1882, during which year he removed to the farm on which his son, Frank C., now resides and on which he remained for fifteen years. At the expiration of that time he returned to the old Osburn homestead, where he now lives. He has followed general farming all his life in connection with stock-raising, in both of which he is very successful. His wife who bore the maiden name of Anna E. Shannon, is a native of Madison township, this county, where she was united in marriage. She has become the mother of eight children, namely: Alice; Henry L., an agriculturist of Madison township; Frank C.; T. S., deceased; G. R.; W. C., a machinist residing in Licking township; Nellie R., wife of Pearl Schurtle, of Bowling Green township; and Anna.

The district schools of Franklin township afforded Frank C. Osburn his education and he remained on the home farm until he was twenty-nine years of age, in the meantime having made himself familiar with the work of the fields and stock-raising, particularly the latter. Leaving home he purchased his present farm, which consists of seventy-five acres of land, and here he has an excellent house and his farm is provided with the full round of buildings, all of a substantial character. He engages in producing a general line of crops but makes a specialty of breeding stock, Jersey and Poland China hogs and Shropshire sheep.

He keeps on hand an average of sixty head of Poland China hogs, all of which are thoroughbreds, among them being Ohio Chief and Highland Lad, the former being a son of old Chief Perfection, the king of Polands, while Highland Lad is a grandson of Chief Perfection and was bred from Ohio Chief by Link Gukins, of Disko, Indiana, one of the largest stock breeders in the United States. Mr. Osburn is quite well known as a breeder of Jersey cattle and owns Exile of St. Lambert, sired by old Exile. He has paid more attention to stock breeding than to any other department of his farm work and his experience in this line of work has made him a recognized authority throughout the county. He belongs to the National Poland China Register and the American Jersey Cattle Club.

In 1900 Mr. Osburn wedded Miss Ora S. Boring, a resident of Franklin township, by whom he has had one daughter, Mary Margaret, who is four years of age. Politically Mr. Osburn does not ally himself with any particular party inasmuch as he has not yet found the principles of any cult on the whole meeting with his approval, and consequently he takes an independent stand, casting his vote for such candidates for political office as he adjudges possessed of personal qualities and political ability which in his judgment will enable them to perform the duties of public office to the best advantage of the commonwealth. In local matters he has taken considerable interest and has been called upon by his fellow townsmen to perform the duties of road supervisor. He does not allow the pressure of business affairs to monopolize the time he should devote to his religious obligations. He and his wife are faithful members of St. Johns Lutheran church, of which he is an elder. Mr. Osburn is one of the most prosperous agriculturists of this part of the county, taking great pride in his farm and also in his home, which he has equipped with every convenience for comfort including a telephone. Upright in all his dealings and maintaining a position above reproach, he is held in high esteem by his neighbors and is accounted among the worthy citizens of the community.

WILLIAM CHEEK.

William Cheek, a practical, progressive farmer of Monroe township and a public-spirited citizen, was born July 20, 1849, in Jersey township, Licking county, his parents being William and Elizabeth (Smith) Cheek, who came to Ohio from the state of Virginia when young people. The father was a farmer by occupation and devoted his life to tilling the soil for the benefit of his family.

William Cheek was reared upon the old homestead farm and through the winter months attended the district schools of the township, while in the periods of vacation he worked in the fields. Practical training well qualified him for the same line of work when he attained manhood and lessons of thrift, economy and integrity were early impressed upon his mind. Following his marriage he began farming for himself in Monroe township and carried on general agricultural pursuits, also dealing in live stock, until 1887, when the family removed to Columbus, Ohio, where Mr. Cheek engaged in real-estate business. He remained a resident of the capital city six years, or until 1893, when he removed to the farm in Monroe

township, where he has since resided with his family. In addition to tilling the soil he has been a successful stock-dealer nearly thirty years and is one of the best known and most extensive stock-dealers in this section of the state. In all of his business transactions his judgment and integrity are above question. He has been a large buyer both for the local markets of Columbus and also for shipment to the markets of other cities outside the state.

On the 29th of August, 1872, Mr. Cheek was married to Miss Elmira A. Ross, a daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Beem) Ross. Her father came to Licking county from Pennsylvania when a young man, while the mother was a native of Jersey township, this county. Mrs. Cheek here spent her girlhood days and has a wide acquaintance. Unto this marriage have been born eleven children: Ross; Stella M., the widow of William Seeds of Columbus by whom she had four children—Florence, Raymond, William, and Elsie—Mr. Seeds dying in May, 1904; Iva, the wife of Ethan Allen, of New York; Mott; Lester; Lillie, now the wife of Edgar Welch, of New Holland, Ohio; Pansy, the wife of Carl Stanford, a resident of Columbus, Ohio; Clinton; Bessie; Grover C.; and Frances.

Mr. Cheek takes a keen interest in public affairs and is an intelligent, broad-minded man, who has done much to promote public improvement and to advance the educational conditions of his locality. He was an influential member of the school board for a number of years and loyally advocated progress and improvement in educational lines. He is a member of Johnstown Lodge, K. P., and is prominent in local ranks of the democracy, frequently representing Monroe township in county, district and state conventions. Moreover, he maintains an unsullied reputation for honesty and fair dealing in all business transactions and, believing that success may crown the efforts of every individual, he has labored diligently to attain his present enviable and creditable position in agricultural circles.

RUFUS F. WRIGHT.

Rufus F. Wright, a prosperous farmer of St. Albans township, represents an honored and patriotic family, his grandfather, Simeon Wright, having served as a major in the war of 1812 and his great-grandfather, Robert Wright, in the Colonial army, during the Revolutionary war. The latter, in those perilous times, in order to protect his wife and family from the Indians, hid his wife and three children in a hollow tree and three children under his cabin floor. The Indians, discovering the latter, took their lives and burned the cabin, while the other three children together with his wife escaped the cruelty of the savages. Incensed by the fiendish work of the Indians, Robert Wright vowed that he would kill every Indian he could and, faithful to his oath, he succeeded in taking the lives of twelve before he passed away in Licking county, at the age of ninety-seven years.

Simeon Wright, one of those who had been concealed in the hollow tree, in company with his family, located on Raccoon Creek, Licking county, in the year 1819. There he followed farming until he was sixty-three years old, at which age he lost his life in a runaway accident. His son, Hiram Wright, father of

Rufus F. Wright, was born in Rutland, Vermont, July 25, 1803, and when sixteen years of age accompanied his parents to this county, settling in St. Albans township, where he was united in marriage to Eliza Blood, a native of Boston, Massachusetts, where her birth occurred in January, 1803, her family settling in this township in the year 1821. Following his marriage Hiram Wright settled in Monroe township but upon the death of his father he returned to St. Albans, where he resided until the year 1870, when he removed to Champaign county, Illinois, settling near Mahomet, in which place he departed this life in August, 1889, his wife surviving him but a few months. They reared the following children: Sarah, deceased; Elizabeth; Mary; Lucien; Rufus F.; Robert; Charles, deceased; and Theodore.

Near Johnstown, Monroe township, Licking county, Rufus F. Wright was born April 7, 1835, and when four years of age, accompanied his parents to St. Albans township, where, excepting one year, he has since resided, devoting himself to agricultural pursuits, in which he has met with remarkable success. In Alexandria, Ohio, on March 26, 1857, he wedded Miss Harriet Elizabeth Lyman, a daughter of Abner and Betsey (Hubbard) Lyman, her father a native of Onondaga county, New York, where he was born on November 1, 1811, and from which place, at the age of six years, he was taken by his parents to Hardin county, Kentucky, and from there, in the year 1820, to Louisville, Kentucky, from which place, in 1825, he drove an ox-team to this county and settled in St. Albans township. At that time he had but fifty cents and a few bed clothes. He was employed as a farm hand until the year 1830, when he purchased forty acres of land in St. Albans township, in the cultivation of which he was quite successful and attained prosperity. On July 10, 1836, he married Miss Hubbard, and they had four children, namely: Harriet Elizabeth; Horace C.; Sarah F.; and Joseph A., who lost his life in the battle of Ringgold, Georgia. Mr. Lyman died in Alexandria, Ohio, January 24, 1885, at the age of seventy-three years. He was a pioneer member of the Methodist church here, with which he became identified in the year 1848. His wife, a native of Rutland, Vermont, where her birth occurred September 30, 1815, spent most of her life in this county, her parents having settled in Granville township when she was four years of age, later removing to Lock, Knox county, where she was married, upon which she removed to St. Albans township, where she died December 24, 1883.

With the exception of about a year and a half spent in Morrow county, Rufus F. Wright has always resided here with his wife and they have the following children: Lyman Wright, who wedded Miss Mary B. Stinson on the 24th of October, 1878, has three children: Rufus S., who wedded Miss Hattie Eager, of St. Albans township, and has one child, Ida Louise; Gwen Ethel, the wife of Fred E. Hammond, by whom she has one child, Achsah; and Sarah Elizabeth. S. Ida, the second child of Rufus F. Wright, married L. D. Rogers, A. M., M. D., L. L. D., of Chicago, Illinois, who founded the Chicago Baptist Hospital, one of the largest hospitals in the west. In 1891 he likewise founded the National Medical University, which in 1906 had four hundred and twenty-five students, Dr. Rogers' official connection with the institution at the present time being that of dean and vice president. He is also editor of *The People's Health Journal* and the *Chicago Night University Bulletin*; author of "Surgical Cleanliness," "Homeopathy Ex-

plained" and "Rogers Homeopathic Guide;" and surgeon to the Cook County Hospital of Chicago. He belongs to the American Institute of Homeopathy, the Illinois Homeopathic Association and the Homeopathic Society of Chicago. Mrs. Rogers is also a practicing physician, she and her husband having founded the Emergency hospital and college in Chicago, where they have been following the profession for twenty-four years. Both are graduates of Denison University and Mrs. Rogers has three diplomas which she received respectively in Berlin, London and Vienna, aside from those which she received in this country. Dr. Rogers and his wife have three children, namely: Lyman W., Rufus Boynton and Rose Elizabeth. The third child of Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Frederick J., was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Levering, of Morrow county, by whom he has three children, namely: Roy, Ellis J. and Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has officiated in many important stations and to which he has given generously. He is a staunch republican and for forty-six years has been affiliated with the Masonic order, in which he has held various chairs. His farm consists of one hundred and sixty acres and is neat and attractive, its well-kept appearance evidencing the care and energy of its owner. Mr. Wright retired from active farm life in 1885 and purchased a residence in Alexandria, which he remodeled and made one of the finest dwelling houses in the town.

JACOB SMOKE.

Jacob Smoke, a life-long resident of Etna township, where he engages in agriculture and stock-raising, was born February 11, 1844, on a farm situated one mile south of Etna village, and is a descendant of a pioneer family of this part of the state, his grandparents having located here in the early days and were among those to whom the present generation are indebted for the broad, fertile acres of this county. Dennis Smoke, his father, was born in Ohio and during his boyhood days assisted his father in cutting away the timber preparatory to putting the land under cultivation, and at the time of his death, through his perseverance and industry, he was the owner of three hundred and forty acres of land, all in one tract and all highly improved and productive. He married Elizabeth Hauser, who was a native of Switzerland, and they had eleven children, namely: Isaac, a resident of Columbus, Ohio; John, who lives in Harrison township; Elizabeth, widow of Daniel Showers, of Etna; Henry, deceased; Mrs. Margaret Mazeland, and Mrs. Maria Brock, both deceased; Nancy, who met death in childhood by turning somersaults; Dennis and Mrs. Laura Jane Brock, deceased; Jacob; and Katharine, widow of Daniel Goode, a resident of the village of Etna.

Jacob Smoke resided on the home place until his marriage, in the meantime assisting his father in the duties of the farm and acquiring his education in the neighboring schools, and at that period of his life, desirous of becoming independent, he removed to another farm which he occupied for some time. Subsequently he went to a farm near Baltimore, Fairfield county, where he remained until 1873, during which year he purchased the farm on which he now resides.

and here he has since lived with the exception of six years which he spent on a tract of land near Kirkersville, Ohio, which he had rented. His farm contains eighty acres located two and one-half miles southwest of Kirkersville and at the time he took possession all, with the exception of twenty acres, was a mass of thick timber which he has since cleared away, so that the entire tract is now under cultivation. His farm is provided with substantial, modern buildings, all of which he constructed himself, and all necessary care and attention having been given to the land, his farm is now one of the most productive in this part of the county. He devotes his attention to general agriculture and stock-raising, buying and shipping on a small scale.

In 1865 Mr. Smoke wedded Miss Rachel Blosser, a daughter of John Blosser, a well known agriculturist of Fairfield county. She was born in Fairfield county, October 31, 1844, and her death occurred there on January 31, 1871. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Smoke are: Silas, a resident of this township; Clara, the wife of William Mauger, of Granville township; and Arvillah Luella, who resides with her husband, John Waggoner, in Columbus, Ohio. On March 31, 1872; Mr. Smoke was united in marriage to Miss Frances E. Sands, a native of Baltimore, Fairfield county, Ohio, born May 5, 1853, and to this union were born: Zella; Chloe, wife of Ora Snyder, of Fairfield county; Arley Sylvester, who was born May 4, 1880, and died October 31, 1898; Harvey Lester, who resides with his parents; Vernon Sylvano, who resides in Etna township; and Harry Galveston, at home.

Mr. Smoke is a stanch democrat and on many occasions he has been called upon to become a candidate for local political offices but has repeatedly declined, at the same time, however, being interested in the welfare of the community and always ready and willing to further measures purposed for its betterment. He belongs to the Evangelical church of Etna township, in which he is an active worker and a member of the board of trustees.

PERRY MUNSON ASHBROOK.

The name of Perry Munson Ashbrook is found on the list of the successful business men of Alexandria and this part of the county. He is conducting a growing trade as a hay and grain merchant and also as a shipper of live-stock and, moreover, is known in financial circles as one of the directors of the Alexandria Bank Company. One of the county's native sons, his birth occurred near Johnstown, March 26, 1873. He traces his ancestry back to Eli Ashbrook, his great-grandfather, who settled near Johnstown about 1810 and spent the remainder of his life on a farm there, devoting his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits. He was also a local preacher of the old-school Baptist church. His family numbered fourteen children, twelve of whom reached years of maturity. This family included Hiram Ashbrook, who was born on the old homestead farm near Johnstown and after arriving at years of maturity wedded Sarah Ann Jewett, also a native of the same locality. They began their domestic life on a farm in the neighborhood and there lived until 1876, when they removed to Pataskala. In his farming operations Hiram Ashbrook had prospered and had become the owner

of a valuable tract of land of three hundred acres, which is still in possession of the family. He died in Pataskala in September, 1879, at the age of fifty-nine years, while his widow survived him for more than thirteen years and passed away January 20, 1893, at the age of seventy-two years, six months and four days. Their family numbered six children: Albert, who died at the age of seven years; Hiram Munson; Mrs. Helen Clark, who is a resident of Marshalltown, Iowa; Omer D., who also lives in Marshalltown; Alice, who died unmarried; and Minnie D., who likewise resides in Marshalltown.

Hiram Munson Ashbrook, father of Perry M. Ashbrook, was born near Johnstown, May 18, 1850, and was reared to the occupation of farming, which pursuit he chose as a life work. He always carried on the task of tilling the soil and cultivating the crops but did not confine his efforts to this line alone, for he became well known as a stock dealer and in fact conducted a most extensive business of that character. He handled one hundred thousand dollars worth of stock in 1890 and likewise conducted a profitable business as a wool buyer and dealer in hay and grain. He carried on general farming until 1880, when he began dealing in stock and later extended his efforts to other lines. About three months prior to his death he became the owner of an elevator at Johnstown. He passed away in December, 1891, but is still survived by his widow, who was born September 20, 1849, and now resides on the old home farm a mile east of Johnstown. In politics he was a stanch republican and was a citizen of sterling worth, interested in all that pertained to the welfare and progress of the community, while his active support of progressive public movements constituted an element in the city's growth. His widow is a daughter of William Bishop, who came from New Jersey to this county in 1826, when eight years of age, with his parents. His father died immediately after arriving here, his death being occasioned by smallpox. William Bishop still resides in this county about a mile east of Johnstown and is yet enjoying good health, although now ninety years of age. His daughter, Anna M., became the wife of Hiram Ashbrook and, still surviving, resides on the old home farm east of Johnstown. By her marriage she became the mother of seven children. Perry M. is the eldest. Charles Albert, who was a farmer near Johnstown, died May 5, 1908, at the age of thirty-four years, leaving a widow and six children. Hector Dean is engaged in the hay and grain business and also has an elevator at Johnstown but makes his home in Pataskala. Mary Alice became the wife of J. Clyde Montgomery and died February 2, 1906, leaving one child. Abbie Estelle died December 28, 1905. Byron W. is a farmer living in Johnstown, and Alva H., is a railroad brakesman living in Columbus.

Perry Munson Ashbrook spent his entire life in Licking county and continued on the home farm with his mother until he was twenty-four years of age. The district schools afforded him his early educational privileges and later he was a student in the Johnstown high school for a short time. He spent one year in Johnstown engaged in the hay and grain business, entering the employ of J. R. Alsdorf as a clerk in October, 1897. In October, 1898, he came to Alexandria and established a hay and grain business on his own account. He is also engaged in shipping live-stock and owns a grain elevator and hay storage. In 1907 he shipped over three hundred carloads of farm products and is conducting an extensive business, his interests proving an excellent market for the farmers and stock-raisers

of the surrounding district. His capably managed interests are bringing to him prosperity and his financial resources are annually increasing. He is now a director and stockholder in the Alexandria Bank Company, with which he has been connected since its organization.

On the 23d of June, 1897, Mr. Ashbrook was married to Miss Bertha A. Davidson, who was born near Croton, Ohio, September 11, 1877, and is a daughter of George W. and Elizabeth (Graham) Davidson, who are still living near Croton. Mr. and Mrs. Ashbrook became the parents of three children but lost their first born, Paul M., in infancy. The others are: Gordon G., born August 23, 1901; and Allen D., born February 18, 1905. The parents are prominent socially and have a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintances. Mr. Ashbrook belongs to the Knights of Pythias, to the Methodist Episcopal church and is an advocate of the prohibition party. These associations indicate much of the character of his interests and the rules which govern his conduct. He is active in support of the temperance cause and is interested in all that pertains to the material, intellectual and moral development of the community. His own life is upright in its varied relations and his unquestioned integrity has made his word as good as any bond solemnized by signature or seal. He is a worthy and prominent representative of one of the old and honored pioneer families of the county and justly merits the high esteem in which he is uniformly held.

SYLVESTER L. BUSH.

A well improved farm in Monroe township is the property of Sylvester L. Bush, who is diligent and industrious in his management and control of the place. He was born September 20, 1859, in the county which is still his home, his parents being Noah and Eliza (Longwell) Bush, who are mentioned on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of their son, Wesley Bush. From pioneer times the Bush family has been identified with the agricultural development of the county and Sylvester L. Bush was reared on his father's farm, assisting in its work from early boyhood until twenty-six years of age. During that period he gained intimate knowledge of the best methods of tilling the soil and marketing his crops. He was educated in the country schools of the township and while no events of exciting interest occurred in his youth, he laid the foundation for an honorable and upright manhood and for business activity and enterprise.

After starting out on life's journey Mr. Bush chose a companion and helpmate, being married on the 15th of October, 1885, to Miss Florence Dague, a daughter of George and Harriet (Beecher) Dague. The father was a prominent and well-known farmer of Franklin county, Ohio. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bush have been born three children: Leota, who is the wife of Rolland Ravinna, of Johnstown; Russell; and Clinton.

Subsequent to his marriage Sylvester L. Bush began farming on his own account, taking up his abode on a part of the old homestead and within a short distance of the dwelling in which he had been born and reared. He still resides on this place and now has an excellent farm, well-improved with a comfortable,

modern dwelling, large barn and ample outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. He raises good grades of cattle, horses and hogs and his place is well cultivated, the fields annually returning to him golden harvests for the care and labor which he bestows upon them. He is continually studying to improve his farm methods and keeps in touch with the general trend of progress which has characterized agricultural life in the last half century. Aside from business interests Mr. Bush deserves to be classed with the representative citizens of the community, for he is a public-spirited man, interested in all that pertains to the general progress. He is an advocate of good roads and of all public improvements, is a stalwart champion of the cause of education and is equally loyal in his support of measures pertaining to the moral development of the community. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is a member of the Freewill Baptist church.

F. M. BROOKS.

F. M. Brooks, who for many years was actively and successfully identified with the farming and stock-raising interests of this county, is now living retired on his excellent farm of two hundred and fifty acres in McKean township. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of Licking county, his birth having occurred in McKean township on the 30th of October, 1835. His parents, Martin and Lucy (Blanchard) Brooks, who were natives of Maine and Vermont respectively, took up their abode in this county in the year 1820. The father here purchased a tract of land and continued a resident of the county until 1859, which year witnessed his removal to Missouri, where his remaining days were passed. The mother's death, however, occurred in Licking county. Of their family of six children only two survive, the sister of our subject being Amanda, a resident of this county.

In the acquirement of an education F. M. Brooks attended the public schools and when he had attained his majority he purchased the farm of two hundred and fifty acres in McKean township, on which he has since made his home. As the years went by he placed many substantial improvements on the property and in addition to the cultivation of the fields he made a specialty of raising and feeding stock of various kinds, both branches of his business proving remunerative by reason of his well directed energy and capable management. When he had acquired a comfortable competence he put aside the active work of the fields and is now living retired in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil, being well-known and highly-esteemed as one of the substantial and representative citizens of the community. There are four gas wells on his property.

Mr. Brooks has been married twice. On the 25th of December, 1856, he wedded Miss Hannah Wilson, a native of Licking county and a daughter of Samuel and Angeline (Peasley) Wilson, whose family numbered three children. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were natives of the state of New York, but became residents of this county at an early day, and here continued to make their home until called to their final rest. By his marriage to Miss Hannah Wilson, Mr. Brooks had eight

children, namely: Lucy, who is the widow of William Farris and makes her home in Preble county, Ohio; Angeline, the wife of William Lake, of Licking county; Atta, the wife of Charles Jones, of this county; Wilson, who is also a resident of this county; Nancy, who is the widow of B. Scales and resides in Licking county; Oscar, who is deceased; and John and Samuel, both of Licking county. The mother of these children passed away on the 2d of May, 1876, and on the 17th of June, 1877, Mr. Brooks was again married, his second union being with a sister of his first wife. Unto them have been born three children, as follows: F. D., who is on the home farm, born January 16, 1879; Mabel G., born July 25, 1882, the wife of C. J. Tatham, of Guernsey county, Ohio; and one who died in infancy. Mr. Brooks also has twenty-one grandchildren.

In his political views Mr. Brooks has always been a stalwart democrat and has capably served as treasurer and trustee of his township. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 350, at Granville, in which he has filled all of the chairs. Having made his home here for almost three-fourths of a century, Mr. Brooks has most intimate knowledge of the history of Licking county and especially of McKean township, and it is with pleasure that we present his record to our readers. He has seen the wild prairie land converted into rich farms, roads laid out, the streams bridged, and churches and schools built until the county today bears little resemblance to the district in which his boyhood was passed, for then the settlers had to endure many of the hardships incident to pioneer life. His friends in the community are many and the fact that a large number of them have known him from his boyhood days to the present is an indication that his has been an honorable and upright career.

CHARLES V. ARMSTRONG.

Charles V. Armstrong is cashier of the Johnstown Bank, which is the oldest banking institution of this city, and throughout the entire period of his connection with financial interests here he has borne an unsullied reputation while his concentration of purpose, his close application and his unwearied industry have carried the bank forward to its present commendable place in the business world, bearing important relation to the public interest. Honored and respected by all who know him, and most of all where he is best known, Charles V. Armstrong may justly be classed with the representative residents of Licking county. He is one of Ohio's native sons, his birth having occurred in Cardington on the 5th of June, 1852. His parents were John and Caroline (Van Dorn) Armstrong. The father was a prominent farmer and the son was reared upon the homestead farm, assisting in the various tasks that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, from the time of early spring planting until crops are gathered in the late autumn. His preliminary education was acquired in the district schools and supplemented by two years' study in the Columbus high school. He also attended a commercial school in Cleveland, and was thus trained in business methods, afterward becoming a bookkeeper in the Central Bank of Columbus, where he remained five years. He resigned his position in the bank to engage in farming, and for five years devoted

his energies to general agricultural pursuits. The need of a bank in Johnstown became apparent and in November, 1883, Mr. Armstrong became associated with Messrs. Derthick, Buxton & Kasson in the organization of the Johnstown Bank. He was then chosen cashier and has continuously filled this position, the success of the institution being attributable in large measure to his efforts and industry. This was the pioneer bank of Johnstown and as such has had much to do with the education of the people in the matter and methods of banking business. One year after the organization of the bank Mr. Armstrong became a partner and following the retirement of Mr. Kasson the firm name became Derthick, Buxton & Armstrong. This continued until 1897, when Mr. Derthick died. Mr. Buxton and Mr. Armstrong remained as partners, conducting the bank under the original name. It is today one of the strong financial institutions of the county and the broad experience of Mr. Armstrong combined with his reliability and enterprise have been leading factors in its success.

On the 22d of February, 1882, Mr. Armstrong was married to Miss Mary M. Beattie, a daughter of John and Lamatta (Van Dorn) Beattie, of Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, and they are well known in Johnstown, occupying an enviable place in the social circles of the city. Mr. Armstrong is a public-spirited man, manifesting deep interest in community affairs and is now serving as a member of the town board, while for a number of years he was a member of the board of education. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, which finds in him a stalwart champion. Few men are more prominent or more widely known in the enterprising city of Johnstown than Mr. Armstrong. He has been an important factor in its business circles and his prosperity is well deserved, as in him are embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabating industry and energy that never flags. Efforts to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of the community receive his endorsement and his hearty cooperation.

JOHN W. MOORE.

The free and independent life of the farm has elicited the energies of many men who have tilled the soil to their advantage, among whom is John W. Moore, an agriculturist of Harrison township, this county, his birth having occurred in Newark, January 10, 1846. He is a son of William and Katherine (Taylor) Moore, natives of England, the father having been born in Yorkshire, in May, 1815, and the mother on March 18, 1814, he having come to Newark with his brother, John B. Moore, when he was in his sixteenth year. By trade he was a plasterer and followed contract work for a number of years in partnership with Jesse Hoover. His mother came to this country with her brother, Andrew Taylor, and departed this life in Newark October 25, 1900, when in her eighty-fifth year. They had two children: Frances, deceased; and John W.

Until he was nine years of age John W. Moore resided in Newark, Ohio, where ship, this county. He lost his father six months after their arrival and there, excepting the time he spent in the army, he resided, taking care of the farm until he attended school and later removed with his family to a farm in Mary Ann town-

he was twenty-one years of age, when he enlisted on May 2, 1864, in Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Legg, and was honorably discharged September 5, 1864. After the war he located in Madison township and, after a residence of three years there, returned to Newark, where he engaged in the manufacture of brick for three years, at the expiration of which time he gave up the enterprise and located on a farm in Union township and then in Harrison, where he has lived and has continued since 1879. His farm contains sixty-three acres located on the Lancaster road about one mile south of Kirkersville and he also owns an eighty acre farm situated about one mile east of that place, both farms being under a high state of cultivation and provided with all necessary means with which to pursue agriculture. In addition to doing a general farming business, producing hay and the various kinds of grain, he is also interested in stock-raising to some extent and deals lightly in cattle and sheep.

Mr. Moore was united in marriage with Olive Young, a native of this county and a daughter of David Young, and by her he had one daughter, Fannie, who resides in Newark. On October 10, 1871, he wedded Margaret M. Sumerville, a native of Brookville, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, where her nativity occurred December 30, 1846, and a daughter of James and Nancy (Caldwell) Sumerville, natives of Ireland, Miss Sumerville having come to this country alone. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have the following children: Mary Isabelle, wife of Sherman Rees, of Union township; William, who resides in Montana; Margaret, who became the wife of William McGregor, the couple residing in Monongahela city, Washington county, Pennsylvania; and John W., who is at home with his parents. Politically Mr. Moore has always been affiliated with the republican party, by reason of the fact that after duly considering its principles he believes them to contain those protective policies by which the prosperity of the country may be maintained and its financial conditions enhanced and consequently, during campaigns he is always in evidence to do what he can in securing the election of its candidates. He belongs to Millersport Lodge, A. F. & A. M., meeting at Millersport, and is a member of Fletcher's Chapel, Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a trustee and, being a man of noble, Christian character and one whose life has always reflected the goodness of the faith he holds, his example has always been such as to add to the moral and spiritual betterment of the community.

JACOB M. FRIDDLE.

Johnstown has high regard for Jacob M. Friddle, one of its active, energetic business men, now conducting an insurance and real-estate office. He is, moreover, one of the native sons of the county, his birth having occurred in Monroe township, December 20, 1861. His parents, Nimrod and Harriet (Huffman) Friddle, were both residents here for many years. The father came to Ohio from Virginia, while the mother was born in Knox county, this state. The year 1840 witnessed the arrival of Nimrod Friddle in Licking county, where he had turned his attention to farming, owning and cultivating a good tract of land, which constituted the homestead upon which his son Jacob M. was reared. The latter early

became familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He was educated in the district schools until he had mastered the elementary branches of learning, while later he attended the public schools of Johnstown. Subsequently he pursued a course in pharmacy and in October, 1893, received his certificate from the state board of pharmacy, after successfully passing the examination at Cleveland, Ohio. Returning to Johnstown, he here opened a drug store, which he conducted successfully for twelve years, or until the store was destroyed by fire in the spring of 1904. He then opened a real-estate and insurance office, writing both life and fire insurance and dealing extensively in property. He has negotiated many important realty transfers, has made judicious investments and profitable sales and his comprehensive knowledge of realty values enables him to wisely direct the investments made by his clients. He has been closely identified with the business life of Johnstown since 1887, in which year he engaged in the grocery and meat business prior to establishing a drug store. In connection with his present business interests he is now acting as notary public and does considerable business of this character.

Mr. Friddle is well known as a valued member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of democracy and is active in the work of his party. Moreover, he is a wide-awake, alert business man of sound judgment, who has not only furthered his own interests but has done his full part in bringing Johnstown to its present commercial importance.

JOHN FRY.

John Fry, who is of that sturdy and aggressive Holland Dutch stock which is so prominent in the nation's financial circles and has done much to produce our present advanced state of civilization, is now carrying on farming and stock-raising in Franklin township. He was born in Hartford township, Licking county, December 6, 1842. His grandfather, Michael Fry, came from Pennsylvania, in which state he located upon leaving his native land, and settled on a farm in Franklin township, Licking county, at a time when much of the surrounding country was in an undeveloped woodland state. Here he pursued general farming until he departed this life. Among his children was Thomas Fry, who was born in the Keystone state and accompanied his parents to this county, where his boyhood days were devoted chiefly to assisting his father in preparing the tract of land for cultivation. Here he remained, engaged in farming until his death in 1882. His wife, Ingober Bowers, was a native of this county, where she was united in marriage, and entered into rest in Franklin township in 1887. She reared a family of six children, namely: Jacob and Nancy, both deceased; Sarah, who resides with her brother; John; Susanna, deceased; and Mary, deceased wife of Jonathan Tavenner.

John Fry was reared on his father's farm where he spent his boyhood days, assisting in the daily routine of agricultural life and during the winter seasons acquiring his education in the district schools. After completing his studies he

settled down on the home place, where he has since been actively engaged in farming. He has always devoted his time and energies to tilling the soil and to stock-raising and has made a study of the soils and by carefully adapting his crops he has been successful from year to year in deriving abundant harvests. While he does not engage in stock-raising to a large extent he keeps on hand a sufficient number of head of thoroughbred cattle and sheep to make the investment a paying one and his stock, being well fed and sleek, generally meet with ready sale and amply remunerate him for the energy he devotes to this department of his business. He owns sixty-eight and a half acres of land, all of which is improved, with the exception of a few acres which he keeps in timber, and is provided with every convenience with which to make farming a paying proposition. On his place is an excellent dwelling house together with a substantial barn and other outbuildings. Mr. Fry's political views have always been on the side of the democratic party since he is a believer in the low tariff policies it advocates and, being of the opinion that its principles, if constantly kept in vogue throughout the nation, will not only maintain the original freedom and liberty of its institutions but also insure its finances from destructive crises and preserve the permanent prosperity of the country. While he has never held any local offices he has always favored such measures as in his opinion were purposed for the general good of the community.

STEPHEN NESSLEY.

Stephen Nessley, who is numbered among the aggressive agriculturists of Union township, Licking county, and whose ancestors have for many years been associated with the farming and stock-raising interests of this part of the state, was born one mile south of Wagram, Etna township, this county, October 3, 1849. His grandfather, Abraham Nessley, who was a native of Virginia, located in this county at an early day and here engaged in farming, together with working at his trade as a carpenter, until he departed this life. In his family were five sons and two daughters, among whom was David Nessley, whose birth occurred in West Virginia, July 20, 1817, and who when a lad came with his parents to Ohio, settling near Pleasantville, Fairfield county, where he remained until he became a young man and then removed with the family to this county, where he spent most of his life in agricultural pursuits. His death occurred in Kirkersville in the year 1900, where he had spent his latter years in retirement. He had twice been united in marriage, first to Mary Ridenour, who departed this life February 19, 1872, and upon his second marriage he gave up active life. By his first wife he had three children, namely: Julia Ann, who departed this life on December 9, 1841, while in her thirtieth year; John H., born September 10, 1844, who resides in Omaha, Nebraska; and Stephen.

In 1850, when he was one year of age, Stephen Nessley was brought by his parents to Union township and they located on the farm he now cultivates, which is situated one mile east of Kirkersville. In the district schools of this place he acquired his education and under the instruction of his father perfected himself

in the art of husbandry, in which he has since been successful. He owns the farm of ninety acres upon which his father settled and has made most of the improvements which are now in evidence upon the premises. He has a good dwelling house and his farm is provided with a roomy and substantial barn, together with all conveniences necessary to successfully pursue general agriculture and stock-raising. He produces general crops, such as hay and the various grains, and while he does not deal largely in live-stock he keeps on hand the best specimens of cattle and sheep. His farm, though small in acreage, is large in its yielding power, and inasmuch as Mr. Nessley has devoted much time to the study of soils, which has enabled him to enrich his ground and by the proper adaptation of crops derive from the soil its maximum productive power his harvests have been in excess of those reaped from many farms which have a greater number of acres.

On March 11, 1875, Stephen Nessley was united in marriage to Marcella A. Jackson, a native of Delaware county, this state, where her birth occurred February 8, 1852, and where she resided until the time of her marriage. She was a daughter of William and Katharine (McKitric) Jackson, her father having been a native of England, who departed this life on December 13, 1895, in his eighty-fourth year. Her mother came to this part of the country in childhood with her parents, James and Mary (Smith) McKitric, who were among the early settlers of Etna township, coming from Pennsylvania, and she departed this life November 13, 1890, when seventy-two years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Nessley have been born: Arlington C., whose birth occurred March 1, 1876, and who married Clara (Slough) Nessley, and now residing on a farm located one-half mile north of that of his father, the couple having three children: Mary L., George Pearline and Stephen S.; Bertha E., wife of W. H. Lane, residents of Newark, who have two children, Etelka N. and George E.; and Harold J., who was born November 29, 1890, a student at the university in Athens, Ohio. Mr. Nessley's political affiliations have always been with the republican party, its protective policies appealing to him as best adapted to develop the natural resources of the country and contribute to both the financial worth of the individual and the nation and hence he has always been loyal in his support of the party's candidates. He belongs to Lodge, No. 587, I. O. O. F., meeting in Kirkersville and, being a man who has always lived worthy of the respect and confidence of his neighbors, he is a valuable asset to the community and is numbered among the representative citizens of the township.

RICHARD SUTPHEN.

General farming commands the attention of Richard Sutphen in Union township, this county, his birth having occurred near Basil, Fairfield county, August 20, 1840. His parents were James and Sarah (Williams) Sutphen, his father a native of New Jersey, his birth having occurred near New Brunswick, and his mother, of this county. At an early date the elder Mr. Sutphen came to Fairfield county, locating on a farm near the birthplace of the subject of this review, and there continued the pursuit of agriculture until his death, which occurred in his

fifty-sixth year, his wife having survived him and lived to the age of eighty-four years. In their family were seven children, namely: William, deceased; Elizabeth Weisner, deceased; James, who passed away in Columbia, Tennessee, April 14, 1864, while a soldier in the First Ohio Volunteer Cavalry; Richard; Mary Katharine, who departed this life in her seventeenth year; Amanda Snyder, deceased; and Sarah, wife of Peter Fritz, of Columbus, Ohio.

On a farm in his native county Richard Sutphen was reared, assisting his father in his agricultural duties, and during the winter season taking advantage of the educational opportunities offered by the district school. He resided with his parents until he was united in marriage, at which period of his life he purchased a farm adjoining one which his father-in-law owned, the farm containing one hundred and forty acres of excellent land, which he cultivated until the spring of 1893, during which year he sold the property and took up residence in Columbus, Ohio, that his son might attend the state university. In 1894 he bought his present farm and five years later, after his son had completed his education, moved here, where he has since resided. His farm contains one hundred and fifty-two acres of highly-improved land, the premises being provided with an excellent dwelling and every convenience with which to carry on farming to the best advantage, and aside from engaging in general agriculture he is also interested in stock-raising, making a feature of cattle and hog breeding. His property is very valuable, by reason of the fact that it is in the gas belt, and at present two pipe lines run through his farm, two wells being now on the property. Recently he disposed of his residence in Columbus, but owning other real estate there he is contemplating the erection of another residence in that place.

In 1865 Richard Sutphen was united in marriage to Mary A. Leonard, a native of Liberty township, Fairfield county, where she was born November 27, 1842, and a daughter of John and Hannah (Rees) Leonard, both of whom were born in that county and spent their lives there. He was at one time engaged in the merchandise business but subsequently gave it up and turned his attention to farming, which he pursued until he departed this life in his seventy-sixth year, his wife having passed away when in her sixty-fourth year. They reared a family of seven children, namely: Sebastian, deceased; Mary A.; Martha McCleary, of Fairfield county; Jesse, who also resides there; Frank, a resident of Columbus, Ohio; and Thomas and Minerva, both living in Fairfield county. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sutphen, namely: Clarence, who attended Delaware and Ada Colleges, and who for the past fifteen years has been engaged in the manufacture of mechanical fire apparatus in Columbus, where he resides with his two children, Harry and Queen; Zula, wife of Charles E. Meisse, of Hebron, the couple having two sons, Raymond and Richard, their mother being a graduate of the Granville schools; John, who resides in Outville, and who has two sons, Gail and William Richard; and James L., a druggist, who was graduated from the state university and who is now residing at home. The principles of the democratic party have always appealed to Mr. Sutphen as embodying the wisdom of the nation's greatest statesmen and as containing those policies which are best suited to advance the nation's interests and preserve its financial integrity consequently, he has always been a loyal supporter of the party, and his influence is regularly in evidence during campaigns in order to do what he can in securing

the election of its candidates. In local affairs he has taken considerable interest, and for seven terms served as township assessor and for a number of years was land appraiser. He is well known throughout the county for his political zeal, while in Fairfield county his home was noted as a meeting place for political candidates, and during election times he has been accustomed to entertain many office-seekers. He and his family hold membership in the Presbyterian church at Outville, in which they are active workers, and Mr. Sutphen being a man who has always lived a deserving life, both from a religious and business point of view, is one of the most highly respected men of the township.

WILLIAM F. WILSON.

William F. Wilson, a well known and prosperous agriculturist of Licking county, was born in Newton township, this county, February 14, 1839, his parents being William B. and Margaret (Stadden) Wilson. The father, whose birth occurred in Virginia, March 14, 1800, was brought by his parents to Licking county, Ohio, in 1803, the family home being established in Newark township, where they purchased land. The mother of our subject was born in Licking county, Ohio, in 1803, and thus it will be seen that in both the paternal and maternal lines William F. Wilson is descended from early pioneer settlers here. Unto William B. and Margaret (Stadden) Wilson were born ten children, of whom four still survive, namely: R. S., a resident of Tennessee; David H., who is living in California; William F., of this review; and Thomas N., who makes his home in Arkansas. The mother of these children was called to her final rest in 1853, while the father passed away in 1863.

William F. Wilson acquired a common-school education and remained under the parental roof until he had attained the age of twenty-two years. He was then married to Miss Martha A. Seymour, whose birth occurred in Madison township, Pickaway county, Ohio, in 1840, her parents being Adam and Mary (O'Bannon) Seymour, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Virginia. Their family numbered seven children, four of whom yet survive: William, a resident of Newark, Ohio; Mrs. Wilson; Ellen, the wife of George W. Mathews, of Licking county; and Elizabeth, the wife of William Drury, of this county. The death of Adam Seymour, the father, occurred in 1846, while his wife passed away in her eighty-fourth year. Unto William F. and Martha A. (Seymour) Wilson have been born five children, as follows: Edwin B., who is a college professor residing in Tennessee; Fred S., letter carrier, living in Newark; Maud S., who is deceased; Sadie L., the wife of John Gregg, of Licking county; and Nattella M., the wife of William Philbrick, of this county.

Subsequent to his marriage Mr. Wilson operated his father's farm as a renter until the latter's death and then removed to Illinois, where he purchased a farm on which he made his home for two years. On the expiration of that period he sold the land and, returning to Licking county, purchased his present place of one hundred and twenty-five acres in Newton township, in the cultivation of which he has since been successfully engaged. As the years have passed he has ever kept

pace with the progress that has been manifest in agricultural lines and his persistent and well-directed labor has brought him a gratifying measure of prosperity.

In his political views Mr. Wilson is a staunch republican and has served as school director and trustee. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is acting as steward and trustee, while his wife is identified with the Lutheran denomination. He has spent, practically, his entire life in this county and has witnessed much of its growth and development, especially in the changes that have brought about the modern civilization of the present day.

ALVEY SWISHER.

Alvey Swisher, a retired agriculturist of Newark township, was born in Licking township, December 26, 1826, and has therefore passed the eighty-second milestone on life's journey. His ancestors came here in the early days while the country was densely covered with forests and were among that excellent class of sturdy citizens who assisted in developing the natural resources of the county. His great-grandfather, Nicholas Swisher, was twice united in marriage and reared a family of twenty children, one of whom was Jacob Swisher, the grandfather, a native of Virginia, who came to this state about the year 1802 and carried on general farming, marketing eggs, chickens and butter which he took on horseback to the town, the nearest place at that time where he could dispose of his products being Zanesville in Muskingum county. He labored on his farm all his days until he entered into rest, his remains being interred in Green cemetery, Licking township. His son, Abram Swisher, was a native of Licking township, this county, and resided there several years after his marriage but subsequently removed to the farm in Newark township now under cultivation by his son, where he resided until the year 1830, when he accidentally lost his life while engaged in loading logs. His remains were interred in the Lutheran cemetery which is located on his farm. His wife, Hannah Wilkin, a native of Virginia, passed away here and was laid to rest in the same cemetery in which lie the remains of her husband. In their family were three children: Alvey; David, a retired cigar dealer living in Columbus, Ohio; and Mary Ann, deceased. Upon the death of Mr. Swisher his wife was united in marriage to John Emory, by whom she had three children: Catherine, wife of Sylvester Reasoner, of Newark, Ohio; Martha J., who became the wife of W. B. Rutledge, residing on a farm in Franklin township; and Elizabeth, deceased.

Alvey Swisher was but two years of age when his parents removed from the place of his birth to the farm upon which he now resides and which is situated three miles east of the old home. He was reared amid the wild scenes and environments of pioneer life and his memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. He pursued his education in one of the old-time log schoolhouses, such as were common at that day. Its furnishings were primitive and the methods of instruction were very crude compared to the teaching of the present time. Mr. Swisher, when not occupied with the duties of the

schoolroom, assisted in the work of the home farm and thereon remained until his marriage in 1846. In the following year he located on the farm on which he now resides and where for many years he pursued general farming and also engaged in breeding and raising stock. He owns two hundred and twenty acres of land upon which he has made many improvements. His commodious residence which is of modern type of architecture, is one of the finest in the township and all of his other buildings are of substantial character and in excellent condition. Although he has retired from active life he still superintends his land and manages his business affairs.

On March 18, 1846, Mr. Swisher wedded Miss Sarah Franks, who departed this life fifty-eight years later. They had eight children, namely: Mary Margaret, deceased; Jonathan A., an agriculturist of Franklin township; Hannah Catherine, deceased; Elizabeth S., who keeps house for her father; Nervina, deceased; Eima L., at home; Louisa V., who is the wife of M. Martin, residing in Newark, Ohio; and Perry F., deceased. Mr. Swisher has always been affiliated with the democratic party and has never found cause to waive his loyalty to his party, in the success of which he has always been interested. For many years he served as township treasurer and, being a public-spirited man, has always been ready to further all measures purposed for the general welfare of the community. He belongs to the Lutheran church, in which he has held office and to which he is a liberal contributor.

LEWIS A. MARTIN.

Lewis A. Martin, who operates one of the finest farms in Union township, this county, his tract of land covering over three hundred and forty-seven acres, and thirty-one acres adjoining, and known as the Dewees farm, was born near Fredericktown, Knox county, this state, January 23, 1853, a son of Avery D. and Emeline (Lewis) Martin, natives of Oneida county, New York, where his father was born April 9, 1826, and his mother July 11, 1824. They were united in marriage in the Empire state, where they had one son, and came to this state in 1850, settling in Perry county. She departed this life in Hardin county in 1855 and the elder Mr. Martin wedded Tabitha Peck. He departed this life in Knox county in 1896. The children of his first marriage were: Edwin, who resides in Kansas; Lewis A., of this sketch; and Charles B., who lives in Perry county. By his second marriage he had two children, namely: Effie, wife of Elmer Jacobs, of Mount Vernon, Knox county; and Allen, who also resides there.

When about two years of age Lewis A. Martin was taken by his parents to Hardin county, where about one year after their arrival, he lost his mother. The family then removed to this county with the elder Martin and here for a period of three years they resided with Lewis A.'s mother's relatives until after his father remarried when he returned with the family to Knox county and there acquired his education in the district schools, at the same time working with his father on the farm. Leaving the home place when twenty-one years of age young Martin hired out as a farm hand and for four years worked for Wright Brothers

for twenty dollars a month, which was about five dollars a month more than was generally paid for that class of labor. He then came to this county, where he spent two years working at ditching which, not being as lucrative as he desired, he returned to Knox county and again entered the employ of Wright Brothers, with whom he remained about three years. At the expiration of this time he returned to Licking county and with his brother farmed for his grandfather on half shares until the death of the latter. From his grandsire Mr. Martin inherited about four thousand dollars which, with about the same amount he had saved, he invested in the farm he now owns in this township, in the spring of 1885, and has since resided here. A part of the farm had been purchased from the government by William Dewees' father and Mr. Martin now has the deed which bears the signature of George Washington. The place is excellently drained and is in every particular adapted to the production of general crops and Mr. Martin, together with general farming, makes a specialty of stock-raising, particularly of cattle and horses. He is greatly benefited by the Licking feeder, which runs through his farm to the state reservoir. The state keeps the reservoir supplied with carp and during the high water the fish swim up to the Dewees pond and when the water goes down they are left behind and Mr. Martin catches all he can use. Upon one occasion he and a farm-hand within two hours captured more carp, their weight running from two and a half to sixteen pounds, than could be hauled in a two-horse lumber wagon bed. A portion of the catch he presented to friends, sold a part and salted the remainder for future use. The pond covers something over twenty acres during high water periods, at other times covering considerably less space and affords an excellent means with which to water his stock. He deals extensively in cattle and feeds from two to three carloads annually and in addition produces a number of the finest grade of draft horses, selling these locally. His farm is one of the most productive in the county and is equipped with a water supply which is unequaled in the state. There are at present six streams of water forcing their way out of the ground. Two hundred acres of his farm is planted in the richest quality of blue grass, which affords his stock the most nutritious kind of fodder and, in large measure, contributes to the excellent quality and sleekness of his cattle. Until recently Mr. Martin engaged very extensively in farming, to which he devoted his activities exclusively and employed large numbers of men clearing his premises and installing his present system of excellent drainage, in which he has spent several thousand dollars. Part of the farm, including about seventy-five acres known as the old pigeon roost, was a bog, and in putting it into condition for cultivation it was found that four feet beneath its surface there was a thick layer of leaves, among which vegetation was preserved and it required much money and hard labor to make the land tillable. On the premises was a brick house, which was erected over seventy-five years ago and which was burned out at one time, but the walls being left in substantial condition the building was repaired and is now one of the finest residences in the township. Mr. Martin takes pride not only in the age of the structure, but also in the fact of its being one of the most comfortable dwelling houses in the community.

On September 9, 1885, Lewis A. Martin was united in marriage to Susan Wise, a native of Licking township, where her birth occurred October 7, 1862, and a daughter of John and Sarah (Ross) Wise, both of whom were natives of

this county, her father having lost his life on the Union side during the Civil war. He also had four brothers who served in the Ohio Volunteer Infantry during that conflict. Her mother, who was a daughter of James and Susan Ross, natives of Virginia and pioneers of this county, still resides in Licking township at the age of seventy-three years. She had two children, namely: Susan; and John, deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Martin were born: Helen E., wife of Harley Keller, who has one child, Charlotta Helen, the family residing in Fairfield county; Hazel L., a student in Denison University; Harold Wise, also in Denison College, and Avery Joseph, who attends school at Kirkersville. Mr. Martin has always been of the opinion that the principles of the republican party represent the results of the best political wisdom and that they have proven their worth as is shown under the several republican administrations, by the impetus which they have given to commerce and industry and by the part they have played in developing the natural resources of the country, both to the pecuniary advantage of the individual and the nation at large and consequently, he has been a loyal supporter of his party and has always used his vote and influence in an endeavor to secure the election of its candidates. Although he has never held public office nor desires political preferment he takes quite an interest in local affairs, particularly along educational lines, and for nine years has served as a member of the township school board. His religious obligations appeal to him as of the highest import and he is regular in attendance upon the services of the Baptist church at Kirkersville, to which he is a large contributor, being also active in its several departments of work. He is a man whose life has always been lived on a high plane of thought and action and consequently he has been attended by a measure of prosperity which has enabled him to do much toward developing the resources of the community and as well, to afford an example of industry and uprightness to all with whom he has come in contact, thereby doing much to maintain the moral and spiritual standing of the community.

CHARLES AUSTIN WAGY.

Charles Austin Wagy, who is now assisting his father-in-law, Melville G. Beem, in the cultivation of a farm of three hundred and fifteen acres, is a native of Lima township, this county, born June 6, 1866, and has always resided here with the exception of two years he spent teaching school. Mr. Wagy's family history runs far back in the annals of the country, being particularly associated with the state of Virginia, where Philip Wagy, a native of Amsterdam, Holland, located in the year 1706, residing in Rockingham county, where he was united in marriage. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and reared a family of eleven children, among whom was Philip Wagy, Jr., who wedded Margaret Peck, of Virginia, and in 1806 settled in Fairfield county, Ohio, where he lived for many years. Subsequently removing to Licking county, he settled on a farm in Harrison township about the year 1826. There were fifteen children in his family, among them being Jacob Wagy, grandfather of the subject of this review, who was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, November 9, 1801, and was one of the early settlers

of Lima township, this county. He married Catherine Swisher and they reared a family of eight children, John Wesley being the only son. He was born in this county, February 20, 1844, and spent his entire life here engaged in the operation of a sawmill and in farming, residing on the old homestead. On June 8, 1865, he wedded Lucinda Conrad, who was born near Logan, Hocking county, this state, January 14, 1839, a daughter of George W. and Amelia (Reynolds) Conrad, who spent their entire lives in that county. In the family of J. W. and Lucinda Wagy were four children: Charles Austin; Ada C., the wife of Frank M. Morrison, of Franklin county; and two children who died in infancy. The father died May 10, 1886.

Charles Austin Wagy during his boyhood days received his first lessons in general agriculture on his grandfather's farm. He acquired his preliminary education in the district schools, subsequently completing a course of study at the high school and after being graduated he taught school for two years, at the termination of which period he resumed his occupation as an agriculturist, locating on the farm which had been owned by his grandfather, Jacob Wagy, remaining there until he was united in marriage, when he settled on the farm operated by his father-in-law, whom he is now assisting. On this farm he engages in cultivating three hundred and fifteen acres and at the same time tills one hundred and fifteen acres of his own, both farms being in excellent condition and very productive.

On February 27, 1890, Mr. Wagy wedded Jennie Beem, who was born in Jefferson township, Franklin county, Ohio, July 6, 1867, and later moved with her parents to Lima township, Licking county, where she was married. She was a daughter of Melville G. Beem, and to this union have been born four children: Roxana Belle, Jonathan B., Grace and Melville G. Mr. Wagy is an aggressive farmer, well versed in the nature of soils and also in the various phases of stock-raising and is numbered among the progressive agriculturists as well as worthy citizens of the township. He served as a member of the board of education for a number of years and was one of the first and foremost advocates of centralization in Lima township.

LEE TIPPETT.

Lee Tippet, a highly respected citizen of Johnstown, is one of the extensive landowners and progressive farmers of Licking county, and, in an analysis of his life record, it will be found that his success is attributable to qualities which all may cultivate, for he has based his business principles and actions upon the rules which govern strict and unswerving integrity and unfaltering industry in addition to his estimable habits. His birth occurred in Monroe township, this county, November 27, 1845, his parents being Thomas and Caroline (Green) Tippet, who were representatives of two of the earliest pioneer families. The father came to Ohio with his parents, William and Nancy Tippet, who left the state of Maryland to establish their home on the frontier when Thomas Tippet was but thirteen years of age. Here he was reared amid the wild scenes and environments of pioneer life. Thomas Tippet became a large landowner and extensive farmer

for that time, and both he and his father were prominent in the business circles of the community and also active in promoting the progress and upbuilding of the county. Thomas Tippet and his wife have now passed away, the former having died December 11, 1897, while the latter lived to the 21st of April, 1900, and then passed to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns.

The youthful days of Lee Tippet were quietly passed on his father's farm, where he engaged in such work as was common in the development of the fields. The district schools afforded him his educational privileges and when not busy with his text-books he assisted in the task of plowing, planting and harvesting. The years brought him success and for a long period he was closely associated with general agricultural pursuits. One of the important steps which he took in early manhood was his marriage to Miss Delilah Miller, the wedding being celebrated on the 24th of February, 1867, when Mr. Tippet was but twenty-one years of age. The lady of his choice was a daughter of Washington and Hannah (Cramer) Miller. Both the Miller and Cramer families came from Pennsylvania during the pioneer epoch in the history of this county and settled in Monroe township, where Washington Miller became a very prominent and prosperous citizen. At one time he was the owner of fully eight hundred acres of land and was widely known as an extensive farmer and stock-raiser. He was likewise recognized as an influential citizen of the community and his own success caused his opinions to be regarded as of notable worth concerning business transactions. His judgment was at all times sound and far-seeing and his investments were most judiciously placed. Both he and his wife are now deceased. The father, Washington Miller, died on the 7th of February, 1900, having for a number of years survived his wife, whose death occurred May 20, 1887. He was very active in church circles. He built the Monroe Chapel (first called Miller Chapel), a United Brethren church, which was named for him.

After his marriage Lee Tippet and his bride established their home on a farm in Monroe township near Johnstown, and there he continued to carry on general agricultural pursuits for five years. In 1872 he bought a farm in Franklin county, Ohio, to which he removed, making it his home about thirty years, during which time he was extensively engaged in farming and stock-raising. About five years of this time he also carried on a large business in buying and shipping stock to the Pittsburg and other eastern markets, but in 1900 he left the farm in Franklin county and removed to Johnstown, where he has since resided. As the years passed he met with gratifying success in his undertakings and is now the owner of about seven hundred and twenty acres of fine land in Monroe and Liberty townships in Licking county, and in Plain township, Franklin county. All are well improved and under a high state of cultivation. Mr. Tippet is numbered among the wide-awake, progressive farmers and every department of the farm work is given his careful and intelligent attention. The family home in Johnstown is one of the most modern and commodious there. It is built in an attractive style of architecture, is tastefully and richly furnished and, moreover, an air of refinement and hospitality pervades the place and makes it a favorite resort with their many friends. Here Mr. Tippet is now, practically, living retired, although he still keeps a general supervision over his large farming interests. Throughout the entire period of his manhood he had given his attention to farming and the raising.

buying and shipping of stock, and his sound judgment was manifest in the excellent success which attended him. His farms are now all well improved and stocked and it is his purpose to have everything upon the farms in good condition, in keeping with the progressive spirit of modern agriculture.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Tippet was blessed with three children: Lenn, who is married and resides in Johnstown; and Lena, at home. They lost one child, Rilla. The family are prominent socially and their home is the scene of many delightful functions. Mr. Tippet is a public-spirited citizen, taking an active interest in everything pertaining to the good of the community. He has never been an office-seeker nor an office-holder, save that he has in his efforts to secure good schools and good roads acted as school director and as road supervisor. He is a man whose character is above reproach. He has ever stood four-square to all the winds that blow, has been fearless in support of his honest convictions, loyal in his advocacy of what he believes to be right and at all times considerate of the privileges of others and giving ready recognition of his obligations to mankind.

BARTON E. TAVENNER.

The most independent of all callings in life is that of the farmer and while it entails the utilization of one's entire time and energy, one in this occupation is certainly enjoying the blessings of freedom and at the same time may entertain a measure of satisfaction in the truth that the soil he tills is the parent of all wealth. Barton E. Tavenner, who for many years has been following agricultural pursuits in Newark township, was born April 8, 1849, in Franklin township and was a son of George W. and Leah (Ewerts) Tavenner. His father, a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, settled in this county shortly after he was married. When he emigrated to this locality there were no railroads, so that it was necessary for him to make the journey overland by means of wagons and the trip, which covered several weeks, was accompanied by considerable inconvenience before he finally reached his destination. He resided in Franklin township until a year before he departed this life, that brief period being spent in Licking township, following the carpenter's trade and at the same time cultivating his farm. He was numbered among the substantial agriculturists and representative men of the community, being widely known throughout the county as a thoroughgoing, upright and industrious man. His political support was always on the side of the republican party and while he was not ambitious for political preferment himself he was always ready with his vote and influence to assist the candidates of his party in securing public office. He departed this life at the age of forty years. His wife was also a native of Virginia, where they were united in marriage, but later removed with her husband to this county, where she passed away. They had the following children: Mary, wife of David Venner, of Franklin township; Jonathan, an agriculturist of the same township; Catherine, who wedded Peter McKnight Fanes and resides in Madison township; Sarah, wife of William Thompson, of Newark; Josephine, widow of Henry Parr, who for many years followed agricultural pursuits in Frank-

lin township; Thomas, deceased; George, a farmer of Eden township; Jennie, wife of James Foster, of Newark; Louisa, who was united in marriage with Sylvester Sampson, now residing in Hanover township; Amanda, deceased; Barton E., and two children who died in infancy.

After obtaining his education in the district schools B. E. Tavenner remained on the old home place, conducting the work of the farm for his mother until he attained the age of twenty-nine years, when he moved to Madison township and later came to the farm on which he now resides. Here he has carried on general agricultural pursuits for the past seventeen years and has under cultivation something over one hundred and twenty-nine acres of land, which is very rich and arable. His entire farm is highly improved, having all modern equipments and accessories. In addition to a comfortable residence there are substantial outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock, machinery and all conveniences requisite to make farming a paying proposition and to conduct it according to modern methods. He raises a large quantity of hay and various cereals and gives some attention to stock-breeding.

Mr. Tavenner was united in marriage with Miss Rachael A. Irwin, a resident of Franklin township, and they have one daughter, Jessie, who wedded Leonard Smith, a farmer of Newark township. Their children are: Ethel May, Nellie Ann, Leonard, Lorrان, David and Florence.

Mr. Tavenner deserves great credit for the progress he has made in life since he started out in business with neither means nor influence to aid him and by his own exertions and industry has acquired the farm he now has under cultivation and today enjoys substantial prosperity. In politics he gives his allegiance to the republican party and while he is not in the strict sense of the term an active politician yet he is enthusiastic during campaigns to secure the election of its candidates, owing to the fact that he is thoroughly convinced that the principles of the republican party are in an eminent way adapted to promote the highest interests of the commonwealth. Mr. Tavenner and his wife are members of the Disciple church and are faithful worshipers at its services. He is a man whose excellent qualities and straightforward transactions, together with his progressiveness, have won him high respect as a representative citizen of the community.

WILLIAM G. LARIMORE.

William G. Larimore, a son of John and Hannah Minerva (Lane) Larimore, was born in Licking county, April 9, 1860, where he has always resided with the exception of two years spent in Pueblo, Colorado, 1897-1899, in an endeavor to better his health. Upon his return he remained with his father and engaged in general agricultural pursuits until he was married when he began to farm for himself, and he is now cultivating eighty-eight acres belonging to his mother, located at Union Station. He engages in general farming, dealing in stock on a small scale, having a number of the highest grade cattle and sheep. In April, 1903, he wedded Ada Dix, a native of Marion, Ohio, a daughter of Clark Dix, and to this union have been born Clark Dix, John Bryan, Marshall Clayton, and Florence Minerva.

Following the footsteps of his father in his political affiliations Mr. Larimore is a democrat, of which party he has always been a strong supporter. He belongs to Center Star Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Granville, and the Licking Baptist church, to which he is a liberal contributor. He is well known throughout the county for his enterprise and industry, and is respected by all as an upright and honorable citizen.

JAMES U. YOUNG.

James U. Young, who is numbered among Newton township's active and energetic farmers, was born on the tract of land he now has under cultivation, on February 11, 1860. His parents were Daniel and Rachael A. (Fry) Young, his mother being a native of Newton township and his father of the state of New Jersey. Daniel Young departed this life March 22, 1884, and his wife survived him twenty-one years. They reared a family of nine children, namely: James U.; Monroe, who is a resident of Newark; George C. and Clara E., both of whom are deceased; Edward, a resident of Licking county; Fourth and Dora, who have also passed away; one who died in infancy; and Frank A., residing in the state of Washington.

On the farm which he now has under cultivation James U. Young was reared and, during his boyhood, in addition to aiding his father in performing the duties of the farm, he attended the district school, where he obtained his education. After having completed his schooling, he remained on the old homestead until he was twenty-one years of age, when he rented a farm which he operated until the year 1900, during which time he had met with such splendid success as to have enabled him to lay by sufficient money with which to purchase the old home farm, which embraces about two hundred acres. He has given his entire attention to the business of cultivating his acres and has installed every improvement and convenience in the way of machinery and buildings in order to assure the success of his venture and make his farm one of the most modern with regard to the method of its cultivation in the countryside. Besides giving attention to the raising of general grain crops he has made somewhat of a specialty of stock-raising and has quite a number of head of cattle of various breeds.

In the year 1882 Mr. Young was united in marriage with Miss Mary C. Chamberlain, a native of this county, who was born in 1854, and a daughter of John B. and Maria (Allen) Chamberlain, her father having been a native of Ireland and her mother of the Keystone state. Both are now deceased. They had a family of eight children. Mr. and Mrs. Young had one son, Daniel B. The mother departed this life in the year 1893 and was laid to rest in Wilson cemetery.

Mr. Young is an advocate of the democracy and upholds the principles of this political cult because of the fact that, having given its principles due and candid deliberation, he believes them to be amply adequate to preserve both the financial equilibrium and the prosperity of the country. He is prominent in political movements in the township and, owing to his excellent judgment and executive ability, was chosen to serve as a member of the school board in which capacity he officiated

for several years. Although a busy man and occupied with the affairs of his farm, Mr. Young, considering his religious obligations as first among the duties of life, has ever been a supporter of and participated in church work. He is an earnest adherent of the Baptist faith and is a sincere and interested attendant on the services of the church. Mr. Young's sterling qualities, as well his unremitting industry, have not only won him the respect of the entire community but have also led him along the pathway of success to the prosperity which he enjoys today.

CHARLES C. PRATT.

While many of the farms throughout the state of Ohio and some in Monroe township, this county, were settled in pioneer times by agriculturists from adjoining states whose descendants now have them under cultivation, yet the native sons have not been backward in availing themselves of the opportunities of their own state and they, too, have put their energies in tilling the soil and have profited by their labors. Among the younger generation of agriculturists who are making their way in the world and seeking their fortune in the ground is Charles C. Pratt who, in addition to being one of the most prosperous agriculturists in Monroe township, this county, is also largely interested in its public affairs and has gained considerable distinction as a politician. His birth occurred December 21, 1873, and he is a son of John and Louisa Pratt. His father was also engaged in agricultural pursuits and stock-raising here, for many years, having located here when a young man, becoming one of the early settlers to whom fell the task of clearing out the woodlands and making ready the land for cultivation.

On his father's farm, enjoying the scenes and experiences of country life, Charles C. Pratt spent his boyhood days, engaging with his father in doing his part of the farm work through the summer months and during the winter attending the village school, where he acquired his education. After having pursued a course of study in the schools of Johnstown he returned to the old home place upon which he worked until his marriage. He then settled on a farm in Liberty township where, for a period of six years, he engaged in general farming and stock-raising and at the same time was interested in the farm implement business in Johnstown, in both of which enterprises he met with signal success, but deeming Monroe township of greater value as an agricultural district, he disposed of his mercantile interests and purchased the farm upon which he has since lived.

On March 12, 1895, Mr. Pratt was united in marriage to Miss Vena Williamson, a daughter of Frank and Emma (Tuller) Williamson, a well known family of high standing in this county. To them have been born two children, Blanch, who is now deceased, and Clinton. Mr. Pratt is a well known politician of the county, whose views are in accord with the republican party, to the principles of which he has given ample study and upon a thorough comparison of them with those of other political cults, he has come to the conclusion that the policies set forth in the platform of the republican party are those which are in every way adequate, not only to establish and preserve the permanent prosperity of the nation, but also to place on a firm and immovable foundation its financial system.

Consequently he is active in behalf of his party and during campaigns is not contented with simply casting his vote for its candidates but uses his influence in their behalf. On a number of occasions he has been chosen as a delegate to county and other political conventions. He is a man of exceptional energy whose aggressiveness is well known throughout the community. He is particularly interested in the improvement of county roads and in fact is ready to foster and promote any movement which in any degree will tend toward the betterment of the community. He pays strict attention to his business, which his industry and good management are constantly increasing, and being a man not only of excellent business judgment but also of congenial social qualities, he is looked upon with favor throughout the county of which he is one of the most substantial citizens.

THEOPHILUS S. GEIGER.

Theophilus S. Geiger, who engages in general farming in Union township, this county, making a specialty of sheep-raising and wool-growing, was born on the old homestead, which lies a mile and one-half west of Hebron, August 16, 1866, his parents being David and Nancy (Roads) Geiger. The family had for several generations been identified with the farming interests of this section of the state, his grandparents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Houdeshell) Geiger, having come from Virginia with their parents and located in Fairfield county in childhood. Their family numbered four sons and four daughters, all of whom attained adult age. Among their sons was David Geiger, who wedded Nancy Roads. His birth occurred in Fairfield county, near Pleasantville, while his wife, a daughter of Abram and Annie (Beaver) Roads, natives of Virginia, was a native of Union township, where she spent her entire life and passed away in August, 1903, in her seventy-eighth year, having survived her husband twenty-nine years, his death having occurred May 14, 1874, when he was fifty-two years of age. Mr. Geiger followed farming here all his days and at his death left three hundred acres of excellent land. In their family were ten children, namely: Jacob Melville, who passed away in his twelfth year; Emily N., wife of Louis Ruffner, of Fairfield county; Worthington R., an agriculturist of Union township; Clara M., who wedded David House, and lives in Hebron; Peter H., who also resides in that place; Jesse E. O., who follows farming in Union township; David M., who makes his home in Hebron; Lucy Melcina, a resident of Newark; Rhoda A., who lives with her husband, D. E. Stewart, in Newark; and Theophilus S.

On the old home place T. S. Geiger remained until he was united in marriage, in the meantime having taken advantage of the educational opportunities of the district school and acquiring a familiarity with all the work of the fields under the instruction of his father. After his marriage he purchased thirty acres of land near Luray, which he tilled for a period of two years and then sold the property and purchased his present place containing sixty acres. Later he added fifty-five acres to the tract, so that now he possesses one hundred and fifteen acres of arable land, all of which is under a high state of cultivation. His farm is located on the Ohio canal, one and one-half miles south of Hebron, and is provided with a com-

fortable dwelling which Mr. Geiger built and also with substantial outbuildings and all conveniences necessary to the occupation of farming, and here he engages in general agricultural pursuits, making a specialty of sheep-raising and wool-growing and at the same time he does contract work in ditching and building bridges.

On November 11, 1890, Mr. Geiger was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Christ, who was born on the premises where he now resides in 1870, and is a daughter of Solomon and Mary (Weisman) Christ, who live in Hebron. They now have one son, Paul, whose birth occurred October 10, 1891. Politically Mr. Geiger is a democrat, being a strong advocate of the principles of his party and influential during campaigns on behalf of its candidates. He served as road supervisor for seven years, in pursuit of which office he built the pike south of Hebron on the canal road. He has officiated in a number of minor offices. He is a man whose strong character is recognized by all who know him, while his industry and reliability have always enabled him to enjoy the confidence and respect of his neighbors.

STEPHEN A. GILL.

Stephen A. Gill, living retired at Hebron, after a long and prosperous career as an agriculturist and sheep raiser, was born in Newark, October 17, 1822, the family then residing where Kuster's restaurant now stands. He is a son of Stephen and Jane (Elliot) Gill, the former a native of Virginia, a hatter by trade, who located in Newark in 1805, while the latter was a native of Maryland. Her father, Samuel Elliot, came to these parts about the year 1801, and reared a family of six children, namely: Alexander, Frank, Nancy, Sarah, Margaret and Jane. To the latter, who became the wife of Stephen Gill, were born the following: John, deceased; Mary Ann, who became the wife of Mervin Cully, both of whom are dead; Lorenz D., deceased; Sarah Ann, who was the wife of Miles H. Wadhams, both of whom have also entered into rest; Eliza, who became the wife of Dr. James Kidwell, both of whom have passed away; and Stephen A., the subject of our sketch.

The boyhood days of Stephen A. Gill were spent in Newark, where he attended the public schools until he reached the age of twelve years when he removed with his parents to a farm of one hundred and eighty-four acres in Union township. He engaged in general agricultural pursuits making a specialty of sheep breeding and wool growing, until the year 1906, when he removed to Hebron, where he is now living in retirement, enjoying in some measure the fruits of his long season of earnest and honest toil.

On March 8, 1848, he wedded Miss Harriet J. Adams, a daughter of Joseph P. and Elizabeth (Hamilton) Adams, both natives of Virginia, where their daughter, Harriet J., was born December 8, 1819. She died in Licking county January 30, 1900, having been one of a family of the following children: Magdalene, deceased; Mary and George, twins, deceased; Alexander; Harriet; and Susan and Ursula, twins, both of whom are deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Gill were born two children: Milton S., whose birth occurred January 10, 1849, and his death

May 28, forty years later; and Mary Frances, who resides with her father. In his political views Mr. Gill is a republican as far as concerns national and state politics, and as a general rule casts his vote for the candidates of that party. He has always been a busy man, whose industry and enterprise have contributed much to the general good of the community but he has never permitted the pressure of his business affairs to interfere with his religious obligations, having always been a faithful adherent of the Licking Baptist church, of which he has for the past five years been a deacon. By his unfaltering allegiance to what he thinks is right he commands the respect and confidence of all the representative and worthy citizens of the township.

U. K. ESSINGTON, M. D.

Dr. U. K. Essington, practicing medicine in Newark, came to this city in 1907, and although one of the more recent arrivals here, has already secured a profitable patronage. Hocking county, Ohio, numbers him among her native sons, his natal day being February 18, 1869. His parents were George and Elizabeth (Frampton) Essington, the former a native of Perry county and the latter of Licking county. The father is now living retired, making his home in New Lexington.

The maternal grandfather, Garrison Frampton, became one of the pioneer residents of Licking county, settling here at a time when the Indian population was just giving way before the advancement of the white race. His daughter, Mrs. Essington, died in 1887 at the age of forty-five years.

In his boyhood days Dr. Essington was a pupil of the public schools of New Lexington, Ohio, and mastered the work in successful grades until he was graduated from the high school, after which he pursued a course in the state university. He studied medicine in the Starling Medical College at Columbus, being numbered among its alumni of 1896. He then located for practice in Somerset, Perry county, Ohio, where he remained for ten years or until 1906. He came to Newark in 1907 and has already secured a good practice which is continually developing in volume and importance. In New York and Philadelphia he has taken post graduate courses in general surgery and gynecology or the diseases of women, of which he is now making a specialty. His continuous study along that line has given him skill beyond that of the average physician, enabling him to speak with considerable authority upon this branch of medical science. Before coming to Newark he spent one year in hospital work in Chicago along that line, giving much attention to gynecological and general surgery, and is now surgeon for the Newark City Hospital and the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. He belongs to the National Gynecological Society and the Association of Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Surgeons, the Licking County Medical Society, the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

In 1896 Dr. Essington married Miss Stella Sellers, a native of Perry county, and they have one son, Edwin, born December 6, 1900. Prominent in Masonry, Dr. Essington is in hearty sympathy with the principles and purposes of the craft.

He belongs to Newark Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Warren Chapter, R. A. M., St. Luke's Commandery, K. T., Scottish Rite and the Mystic Shrine. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and in consistent harmony with its teaching his life is actuated by high and honored principles as manifest in his citizenship and his professional and social relations.

ROBERT C. LAMPTON.

Robert C. Lampton, who practically all his life has engaged in farming pursuits in this county, descends from a family who have been prominently identified with agricultural enterprise in this vicinity for something over a century. He was born on the farm where he now resides April 25, 1832, son of Robert C., Sr., and Mary (Clizer) Lampton. His father, originally a native of the state of Virginia, migrated to Licking county with his family locating near Zanesville, and one year later settled on the tract of land now under cultivation by Robert C. Lampton, Jr. Here he extensively engaged in the various duties of farm life until he died in 1853, burial taking place in Franklin township. In politics he gave his allegiance to the democratic party. His wife was also a native of Virginia, in which state they were united in marriage, and she died in this county, her remains being interred beside her husband. They were the parents of ten children: Mary Emily, who married Elisha Gutridge, and is now deceased; Lucinda, who married Elijah Gutridge, and has also passed away; William, an agriculturist of Hopewell township; Malinda, wife of Lemuel Bishop; Samuel, a farmer of Franklin township; Robert C., our subject; Louisa, who married James Cochran, operating a large farm in Perry township; David, deceased; Sarah, widow of Jackson Gutridge; and Barbara, widow of Jesse Mack. The Lampton family were originally of Irish extraction, and Samuel Lampton, the grandfather of Robert C., one of the pioneer farmers of this county lived here throughout his entire life.

In the district schools of Hopewell township Robert C. Lampton received his education, attending school during the winter season and applying himself to general farm work during the summer. He spent eight months in Clark county, Missouri when nineteen years of age, then returned home, and since that time has applied himself faithfully and arduously to the cultivation of his farm and the raising of stock. The old home place which he still farms embraces one hundred acres, in addition to which he has another nearby tract of land under cultivation containing fifty acres. His lands are highly improved and continually kept in splendid condition for the production of the highest quality of grains, and are provided with suitable buildings to successfully and efficiently carry on his occupation. Aside from raising the various kinds of farm products Mr. Lampton devotes considerable attention to stock raising, making a specialty of Polled Durham cattle. He also has the finest specimens of the Norman breed of horses that can possibly be produced.

In the year 1857 he was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Leckrom, now deceased. They were the parents of the following children: Mary A. and Anna M., both of whom have departed this life; Lydia E., wife of John Cooper-

rider, a farmer of Bowling Green township; Martha C., Noah S., Jacob, and David M., all of whom are deceased; William, located on his father's farm; Benjamin F., a resident farmer of Bowling Green township; Ora E., who runs a saw-mill in Franklin township; Sarah J., who resides at home; and Alva J., who operates a farm in Muskingum county. In politics Mr. Lampton follows in the footsteps of his father and gives his allegiance to the democratic party, in the principles of which he is a firm believer. He is quite influential throughout the district and has served the community in several responsible capacities. Although he was reared an old-school Baptist, later in life he broke faith with that denomination and united with the Dunkard church, of which he is a regular attendant. His post office address is Glenford, rural delivery No. 3.

WILLIAM PEARSON.

William Pearson, who is well known throughout Bennington township, this county, is a native of Donegal, Ireland, where his birth occurred October 3, 1832. His maternal grandfather was an English soldier, who for more than twenty-three years served with the Twenty-eighth Regular British Infantry, and William Pearson, Sr., father of our subject, also served twenty years in military ranks as a soldier in the Loughside corps. In the year 1850 William, Sr., and Catherine Pearson emigrated to America with their family, the journey over the seas requiring seven weeks during which time Mrs. Pearson succumbed to illness and her remains were brought to Philadelphia for interment. This was not the only misfortune which attended the family, for soon after their arrival in this country, Matthew, a son who was being educated for the ministry under the celebrated Dr. Wylie of Philadelphia, was taken ill and departed this life in the year 1852.

William Pearson received only such education as he could acquire by himself and soon after coming to the new world he repaired to Burlington township, Licking county, with his father who passed away in 1856. They made the journey from Philadelphia by rail, stage and water, and he remained in that township until the year 1874, when he removed to Bennington township. At that time his entire means amounted to one thousand dollars, which he invested in land and immediately began the cultivation of the fields, and from the outset, by his remarkable industry, practical economy and good judgment, he was attended by prosperity until he now owns more than four hundred acres of excellent, well improved land. He has been very successful in producing general crops and has given considerable attention to stock breeding, having fed and shipped many head of cattle, sheep and hogs throughout this and adjoining states. He is now in his seventy-seventh year, and has for the most part retired from active work.

On May 30, 1854, Mr. Pearson wedded Miss Nancy J. Pugh, daughter of John and Mary (Simmons) Pugh, to which union were born three children, namely: James, deceased, Lewis A. and Mary E. In politics he is independent and, deeming the man more than his party, he reserves the right to cast his vote for candidates who, in his judgment, possess the necessary qualifications to best subserve the general interests of the commonwealth. As to his religious convic-

tions his family were Presbyterians and he was bapized into that faith while in his native land but, although he still leans toward that denomination, since coming to this country he has not allied himself with any church. However, he is a deep Bible student and has gained such familiarity with holy writ that there are few men, not excepting clergymen, who can compete with him in his knowledge of the scriptures of the old and new testaments. Aside from being a Biblical student he reads much along various lines and is generally conversant with the history of the world, particularly, with the events of the day. He is a man of rare intelligence and learning and in every sense of the word is a remarkable man considering the fact that he had no training in school and that he is in every respect self educated. He does not belong to any orders or fraternal organizations, although his father and grandfather were affiliated with the Free Masons and Orangemen. Perhaps no character in the county is more favorably known and highly esteemed than Mr. Pearson, and he is justly numbered among the township's most substantial and representative men.

ELIAS BUTLER.

Elias Butler, a substantial farmer of St. Albans township, whose family for over a century has engaged in agricultural pursuits in this county, was born in Granville township, May 22, 1834, and when a boy removed with his parents to the farm on which he is now located and where he has since resided. His grandparents, David and Anna Butler, natives of Massachusetts, came to Granville, Ohio, in 1805 with the Granville colony and in that place remained until they departed this life. They had three sons, Eleverett, Henry and Charles, and one daughter, Anna Woodruff, who departed this life in Kansas.

Charles Butler was born near Granville, Massachusetts, July 16, 1804, and when but one year of age was brought to Licking county by his parents, who were with the Granville colony. He resided there until he bought the farm in St. Albans township, where he spent the remainder of this life, passing away August 9, 1886. He wedded Philota D. Pratt, who was born in Massachusetts, January 26, 1808, and came to Licking county with her parents when about five years of age. She departed this life on the old home farm, April 4, 1891. They reared the following children: Martha M., wife of Barzilla Price, of Colorado; Caroline, who was united in marriage with William Smith, the couple being mutes and residing near Youngstown, Ohio; Jane, wife of Joshua U. Headley, of Pataskala; William H., of Harrison county, Iowa; Corwin, deceased; and Elias.

In the district schools Elias Butler acquired his education and engaged in the duties of the home farm until the year 1862, when he enlisted in Company B, Seventy-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served nine months, during which time he participated in the siege of Vicksburg. Upon receiving his discharge at Black River Bridge, Mississippi, in August, 1863, he returned home and at once turned his attention to farming, which occupation he has since pursued. He owns two hundred and three acres of land, his farm being on the line between Harrison and St. Albans townships, one hundred acres in the latter and the re-

mainder of the farm in the former, while the dwelling house is located immediately on the township line. This farm was settled many years ago by his father who, upon his arrival erected a log cabin on the Harrison township side of the road and the land was cleared and put into condition for cultivation by him and his son Elias, the latter having subsequently vacated the log cabin and erected a comfortable modern home in St. Albans township. When they commenced work on this tract of land there were no fences to be seen anywhere but they later built fences, barns and outbuildings and bought modern farm machinery and today the farm is in excellent condition and is one of the finest in the township. In addition to raising hay and various grain crops Mr. Butler devotes considerable attention to breeding stock and keeps excellent specimens of sheep and cattle.

In 1869 Mr. Butler wedded Pauline Slough, a native of Canal Winchester, Fairfield county, Ohio, born July 6, 1839. She was a daughter of Frederick and Mary (Tollman) Slough, natives of Fairfield county. The Tollmans originally came from Virginia, while the grandfather, John Slough, emigrated to this state from Germany. The parents passed away when their daughter was a mere girl and she resided with relatives until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Butler have the following children: Edith May, wife of Ellis Thomas, of Harrison township, their family consisting of Robert, Pauline, Owen and an infant; Ella, who wedded Raymond Taylor, of St. Albans township; and Charles. Mr. Butler has given his support to the republican party all his life and cast his first vote for Fremont. He is a profound believer in the principles of his party and has always been thoroughly convinced that they are necessary to assure the permanent prosperity of the country. He is well known and highly respected throughout the county and belongs to Baird Post, G. A. R., of Pataskala.

J. M. DUSTHIMER.

Licking county has never been wanting for representative men to take hold of its farming interests and develop its natural resources, and one of the prosperous agriculturists of Franklin township is J. M. Dusthimer, whose birth occurred in Hopewell township May 18, 1850, a son of Isaiah and Mary (Brady) Dusthimer. His father was a native of Franklin township, this county, where he engaged in the pursuit of agriculture until his death. Politically he was a supporter of the democratic party, was affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church as one of its leading factors, and was a man whose upright character was well spoken of throughout these parts. The mother, a native of this county, still survives and resides in Brownsville, Ohio. Among their children were: Elizabeth J., wife of Berban Coe, residing in Brownsville; J. M., our subject; J. W., an agriculturist of Jacksontown, this county; H. E., a retired farmer of Linnville, Ohio; and Rebecca E., deceased.

J. M. Dusthimer attended the district schools of Hopewell and Franklin townships, his father having removed to the latter township when he was but eight years old, and in the Newark public schools which he attended for one term. He thus acquired sufficient education to enable him to teach school, which voca-

tion he followed for four terms. His early life was spent upon the farm upon which he resided until he was twenty-two years of age, when he rented a farm in Franklin township where he engaged in farming for several years and then purchased the farm upon which he has since resided. His present farm consists of sixty-eight and one-half acres of land upon which he has made all the improvements, having done almost all carpentry work on his barn and other buildings himself. Besides this home place he and his wife own one hundred two and one-half acres of land, and his wife one hundred and twenty-seven acres of land in Franklin township. Mr. Dusthimer gives his attention to general farming and stock raising, has made a careful study of the soil and has therefore been fortunate in reaping abundant harvests, for the most part deriving the maximum yield per acre.

In 1872 he wedded Miss Elnora H. Motherspaugh, and they have had three children, namely: Samuel L., an agriculturist and township clerk of Franklin township; Mary A., wife of Alva Haslett, also a farmer of that township; and Elmer Ray. The democratic party has always received the vote of Mr. Dusthimer and aside from taking an interest in national and state politics he is also concerned in local affairs, having been township clerk and for several years a member of the board of education. While he is not affiliated with any secret societies nor religious organizations he attends divine services with his wife, who is a member of the Lutheran church. He is a man whose honest and straightforward life places his name above reproach among the township's most industrious and worthy citizens.

JOHN P. WOLFE, M. D.

One of the younger representatives of the medical fraternity who is gaining a wide reputation as a practicing physician and surgeon in Bennington township, this county, is John P. Wolfe, whose birth occurred August 25, 1873, near Mt. Sterling, Pickaway county, Ohio, and who, for the past ten years, has been successfully following his profession in Appleton and vicinity, his excellent service having brought him a liberal patronage. He is a son of George W. and Sarah J. (Puckett) Wolfe, his father having been for many years a well known agriculturist and stock-raiser of that locality.

The boyhood days of John P. Wolfe were spent on his father's farm, where he passed through the experiences common to the country lad, performing his part of the work of the fields during the summer months and in the winter attending the district school, where he acquired his preliminary education. Upon quitting the neighborhood school he followed the profession of teaching for three years, being principal of the school at Era, Pickaway county, two years, and Pancoastbury, Fayette county, one year. He was then enrolled as a student at the Normal School in Lebanon, Ohio, where he completed a course of study and was subsequently matriculated as a student in the Ohio Medical College, of Columbus, from which he was graduated in the class of 1899. Immediately upon receiving his degree in medicine he secured a place in the Protestant Hospital as interne physician.

this institution being in connection with the Medical College, and after serving one year, during which time he gained considerable experience in the practice of various branches of materia medica and surgery, he entered the profession independently in Columbus, Ohio. He had been there but a brief period of six months and was becoming popular in the neighborhood in which he had located, when, upon receiving intelligence of an excellent opening for one of his profession at Appleton, Bennington township, this county, he at once gave up his practice in Columbus and came to that place in June, 1901. He at once became well known as a physician throughout the vicinity and has since been steadily engaged here in his profession. He is the only doctor within a radius of many miles of Appleton, where he has his office, and consequently his practice, which has steadily grown during his residence here, is of far greater proportions than that of many of the medical fraternity who reside in the cities.

On February 16, 1901, shortly before locating here, Dr. Wolfe was united in marriage to Miss Minerva Seltzer, a daughter of George and Harriet (Ogden) Seltzer, who were of a prominent family of Columbus, Ohio. Just prior to her marriage Mrs. Wolfe had completed a course in training for a nurse. She comes of a family of physicians, her grandfather, Dr. Samuel Seltzer, having located in Columbus for the practice of medicine in 1832, while her uncle, Dr. Van S. Seltzer, followed the profession in Columbus from 1856 until 1873 and was one of the most prominent physicians of the city at that time. Dr. and Mrs. Wolfe have one son, George S. The doctor's political views are on the side of the democratic party and in addition to holding membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, he belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Masonic Lodge, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in all of which organizations he is well known and has a host of warm friends. Dr. Wolfe is of genial disposition, blessed with kindness and sympathy so necessary to the physician in his treatment of the sick, and his charming qualities, together with the interest he takes in his patients and the remarkable success which he has met in restoring them to health and vigor, have made him popular throughout the entire vicinity while growing confidence in his medical work and surgical skill is constantly adding to the proportions of his practice. He is widely known as a man of remarkable worth and is highly respected and esteemed not only for his professional ability but also for his social qualities. He resides at Appleton, where he owns one of the most attractive residences of the village, his home being one of the most hospitable, bearing every evidence of culture and refinement.

JOHN A. PRINCE.

The agricultural and stock raising interests of Newark township, this county, have always been in the hands of enterprising men, among whom is John A. Prince. He was born in Green township, September 15, 1847, a son of David and Anna (Fulk) Prince. His father, a native of Rockingham county, Virginia, came with his people when a child to this state and located in Bowling Green township. He followed general agricultural pursuits and threshing until he en-

tered into rest, his remains being interred in Fairmount cemetery, while his wife, whom he married in this county, where she was born, departed this life in 1895 and was laid to rest beside her husband. In their family were nine children: Sarah, wife of John Catlin, a liveryman residing in Amsterdam near Bloomington, Illinois; William O., deceased, whose remains lie in Fairmount cemetery, this county; John A.; Eliza Jane, wife of Marion Bencroft, residing in Jacktown, this state; Emma, wife of David Black, an agriculturist of Union county, Ohio; Albert F., who owns large farming interests near Bloomington, Illinois; Lucinda, who became the wife of Charles Winston, a dairyman of Montana; Mary Ellen, deceased; and Hester Louisa, deceased.

In Bowling Green township John A. Prince was reared and there on the home farm he became familiar with the various phases of agriculture, attending the neighborhood schools during the short winter term. He lost his father when a lad and upon his shoulders fell the management of the farm and the responsibility of rearing the younger members of the family but to the performance of this task he set himself with an earnest heart and willing hand and applied himself faithfully to tilling the soil. He remained at home until the members of the family were of an age to help themselves and then, when in his twenty-first year, he located in Van Buren, making the trip in a one-horse wagon and without a dollar in his pocket. There with his wide knowledge of the various departments of agriculture he at once began to apply his energy, meeting with success from year to year until now he owns one hundred and fifty acres of land, all of which is highly improved and under cultivation. He also has a fine dwelling house and two building lots in the village of Van Buren. His career was beset by many obstacles but being a man who was willing to work, blessed with health and vigor and at the same time with an aggressive spirit, he overcame all difficulties and soon turned the soil to his advantage and in course of time surrounded himself with prosperity, which he enjoys today.

In 1869 Mr. Prince wedded Miss Nona Jane Elmose, a resident of this county, by whom he has had five children, namely: Ida Belle, deceased; William, who resides at home; Ada; Altha; and Verne. Mr. Prince has always given his vote to the democratic party to the principles of which he has always been loyal. Local affairs have also commanded his interest and he has officiated at various times as a member of the school board and in other township offices.

ALBERT F. SLATER.

Albert F. Slater, who since 1887 has been numbered among the successful and enterprising merchants of St. Louisville, where he has also served as postmaster since July, 1891, was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, February 27, 1865. His parents, John M. and Margaret E. (George) Slater, who were also natives of the Old Dominion, are deceased. Their family numbered seven children, namely: Eloise, the wife of W. B. Marple, of Licking county; A. G., a resident of Iowa; Solomon E., who has passed away; Sallie, living in Missouri; one who died in infancy; Albert F., of this review; and C. S., of St. Louisville.

Albert F. Slater acquired a common-school education and made his home with his uncle until sixteen years of age. In 1881 he came to Licking county, Ohio, and resided with his sister for three years, on the expiration of which period he secured employment as a farm hand, being thus engaged for four years. The year 1887 witnessed his entrance into the mercantile circles of St. Louisville and he has since been numbered among the successful and progressive business men of the county. His well selected stock of goods, reasonable prices and reliable methods insure him a profitable and steadily increasing patronage and his business returns to him an income of from seven to ten thousand dollars annually. He owns the store building, a fine residence and seventy-five acres of valuable land in Newton township. He is widely recognized as a most substantial and public-spirited citizen of his adopted county.

On the 21st of November, 1899, Mr. Slater was united in marriage to Miss Cora E. Evans, a native of Newton township, Licking county, and a daughter of W. D. and Amanda E. Evans, whose family numbers three children. Mr. and Mrs. Evans still survive and make their home in Newton township. Unto our subject and his wife has been born a son, Edward F.

In his political views Mr. Slater is a stanch republican and is now serving as postmaster of St. Louisville, in which position he has been the efficient incumbent since July, 1891. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic Lodge, No. 291, at Utica, and with the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 850, of St. Louisville. Both he and his wife support the Lutheran church and are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community in which they reside.

NAHUM A. HINES.

The quiet little town of Granville has every reason to be proud of her list of alumni, for from Denison University have gone out men and women who have left their impress upon the world's progress, gaining distinction in various lines of life and contributing to the universal advancement. Among this number was the Rev. Nahum A. Hines, well known as a Baptist minister and educator. He was born in August, 1852, at Stafford, Monroe county, Ohio, a son of Joseph and Esther (Grey) Hines. The father was a native of Virginia and the mother of Maine and both were descendants of old families represented in the Revolutionary war. They removed from Virginia to Ohio about 1815 and became closely associated with the pioneer development of the state. Their family numbered six children: Woodman and George, still living; Hiram; Thomas; and Nahum and Elizabeth, who have passed away.

In taking up the personal history of Nahum A. Hines we present to our readers the life record of one who was widely and favorably known in this county, enjoying to the fullest extent the good will and confidence of all who knew him. He acquired his early education in the public schools of his native town and afterward entered the Denison University, where he pursued his studies for six years and was graduated in 1876. Determining to devote his life to the work of the ministry, he next entered the Rochester Theological Seminary and was graduated

in 1883. In the meantime, however, he was pastor of the church at Olathe, Kansas, from 1878 until 1880. Following his graduation he accepted a pastorate at Webster, New York, where he remained until 1884 and then became professor of theology in the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, Virginia, where he continued until 1887. In the latter year he established his home at Fort Hamilton, New York, where he engaged in the real-estate business and at the same time gave considerable attention to compiling a work on theological and metaphysical subjects. There he remained until his demise, which occurred April 10, 1896, his remains being interred in Maple Grove cemetery at Granville.

It was on the 31st of July, 1879, that Mr. Hines was united in marriage to Miss Kate V. Shepard. Her father was a graduate of Denison University of the class of 1848 and her mother attended Shepardson College, then the Granville Female Seminary, from 1833 until 1838. The Rev. Shepard was born in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, April 6, 1822, and came of Puritan ancestry, many preachers and teachers being numbered among the representatives of the family. His father, Philemon Shepard, removed to Henrietta, Lorain county, Ohio, in 1832, and for forty years owned and cultivated a large place there. He was a very prominent layman and engaged in all kinds of religious work. For a number of years he also served as justice of the peace and his decisions were strictly fair and impartial. His son, the Rev. W. C. Shepard, was reared under the parental roof and, following his graduation from Denison University in 1848, became pastor of the church at Bucyrus, Ohio, where he remained until 1851. During the four succeeding years he occupied a pastorate at Henrietta, Ohio, and from 1855 until 1870 had charge of the church at Wasioja, Minnesota. He also organized a number of other churches in that section, and then returned to Granville to educate his children, four in number. Vinton R., the eldest, was graduated from Denison University in 1876 and was on the editorial staff of the Cincinnati Commercial from 1876 until 1883. Later he was connected with the Commercial-Gazette until 1893 and since that date has been publisher and proprietor of the Court Index, since 1904 also editor and publisher of the Ohio Law Reporter. He has been a trustee of Denison University since 1900 and is a member of the Beta Theta Pi. Three of his children are graduates of Denison. Linden M. Shepard, the second son, was graduated from Denison in 1877, afterward became agent for the Associated Press and was on the staff of the Daily Times Star at Cincinnati until 1883, when he went west. He died at Kinsley, Kansas, in 1888. The daughters of the family are Kate V. and Florence A., also graduates of the Young Ladies' Institute, now Shepardson College. The younger daughter pursued a post-graduate course at Denison in 1879 and 1880 and the following year was spent as a student in the university at Cincinnati. She engaged in teaching in the normal school at Stafford, Ohio, from 1881 until 1883, and was afterward very active in church work in Granville up to the time of her death, which occurred in 1892. Her beautiful Christian character and kindly spirit endeared her to all who knew her. The other daughter, Mrs. Hines, taught in the Granville schools from 1872 until 1879 and afterward engaged in teaching history and the history of art in Pennsylvania College for Women at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, from 1901 until 1902. She was state secretary of the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ohio from 1898 until 1901. In 1900 the honorary degree of Master of Arts was

conferred upon her by Shepardson College. Not only has she been very active in religious work but also in intellectual lines and served as president of the Travelers Club of Granville from 1897 until 1899, while for thirteen years she has been a member of its program committee. She was also the president of the Granville Centennial Association from 1903 until 1905, was president of the Shepardson College Alumni Association from 1905 until 1908, has been librarian of Denison University since 1903 and is now organizing regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her labors have made her widely known throughout the country and have won her social recognition.

Unto Rev. and Mrs. Hines was born one son, Cecil Shepard Hines, now in Alberta, Canada. He was graduated from Denison University in 1902 and won the Master of Arts degree on his graduation from Columbia University in 1905.

In his political views Rev. Hines was always a staunch republican. He regarded it as the duty as well as the privilege of every true American citizen to keep well informed on the questions and issues of the day and he studied the great political, sociological and economic as well as religious problems. He was a devoted member of the Baptist church and his life was given to the work of uplifting humanity. Mrs. Hines was always his able associate and assistant and has continued her efforts for the good of mankind through intellectual and moral development.

DANIEL L. VAN FOSSEN.

Daniel L. Van Fossen, an old resident who is well known as a stock raiser and wool grower of Bennington township, this county, is a native son, born August 16, 1835, his parents having been Jesse and Catherine (Greiner) Van Fossen, both of whom were natives of Augusta county, Virginia, who came to Burlington township in 1811. Upon their arrival they leased a farm which they cultivated for a period of seven years, at the expiration of which time the family removed to this township, where they bought the farm upon which our subject now resides. At that time the country was a dense forest, so covered with small trees and underbrush that it was necessary to cut out a road through which they might convey their wagons laden with their possessions. When they settled here there were but three families in this part of the county and obviously no buildings within many miles, consequently their first work was to put up a small log cabin for which they cut the timber. Little by little they cleared off the land, made it arable, and began cultivating the soil, each year adding to their tillable acreage until the entire plat which constituted their claim was put into condition for farming.

Amidst these surroundings Daniel L. Van Fossen, the youngest of a family of thirteen children, was reared, helping to clear off the land and engaging in the general routine of the farm, and in season acquiring an education by attendance at an old log schoolhouse. The duties of the farm were pressing and the school advantages of a very meager and insignificant sort, and he did not have much of an opportunity to acquire learning but was obliged to be satisfied with the little schooling he obtained. He continued to work on the home farm, saving the greater

portion of his earnings until he was married, when he invested in the farm which he is now cultivating. From time to time he added to his land until he now possesses four hundred acres, keeping the entire tract under cultivation where he engages in stock raising on a large scale. For the past forty-five years he has bought and sold some of the finest cattle ever seen in these parts. He also deals largely in sheep and for twenty-five years has given considerable attention to horse raising. His success has been such as to enable him to accumulate considerable means, the fact that he is the largest individual tax-payer in the county being proof of that statement.

On February 18, 1855, Mr. Van Fossen was wedded to Miss Sarah Lake, daughter of Jesse and Elizabeth (English) Lake, her parents being representatives of prominent old Virginia families who came to this county at an early day. Unto this union were born five children, namely: Charles, who has extensive farming interests in Bennington township; Olliver Perry, also an agriculturist of this township; Jesse, a practicing physician of Columbus, Ohio; Effie, deceased; and Truman B., who owns a large farm adjoining the old homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Van Fossen celebrated their golden wedding on February 18, 1905. Mr. Van Fossen has served as trustee of his township for three terms, then refusing to hold the office longer, for twenty-four years was township treasurer and for a long period an efficient member of the school board. In politics he is a democrat but does not concern himself in party affairs beyond casting his vote for its candidates. His religious convictions are with that Christian denomination known as the Disciples of Christ and he was the chairman of the building committee when the present building in Appleton was erected, was one of the largest contributors toward that work and is a liberal supporter of all departments of the church work. He is a man who has made excellent use of his means, being known throughout the county for his charities and as well for the generous hospitality of his home. He stands high in the esteem of all who know him, both as a business man and a citizen.

ALFRED JOHN HOLT.

Alfred John Holt, who has retired from active business life after having followed farming and butchering in Etna township for many years, was born in East Hadden, Northamptonshire, England, on January 21, 1831, and located here in the year 1856, where he has since resided. He was a son of John and Hannah Holt, who were the parents of four sons and three daughters, namely: John, Harriett, Edwin and Martha, all of whom reside in England; Mary Ann Garlick, who departed this life in Nebraska; Eli, who resides in that state; and Alfred John, our subject.

Alfred John Holt acquired his education in the public schools of his native land, and upon locating in this township he was employed as a laborer until the Civil war broke out when he enlisted in Company C, Twenty-Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, on July 18, 1861, and served until August 17, 1864, when he received an honorable discharge. He participated in many engagements during

the war, among which were Kenesaw Mountain, Lookout Mountain, Corinth and Iuka, and he also served throughout the Atlanta campaign. While he was in his native land he learned the butchering trade and upon returning to this township after the war he followed that occupation, hauling meat from this place to the Columbus market. Later he gave up this business and bought a farm of one hundred acres east of Etna where he remained for twenty years, when he retired and removed to Etna village in 1899 where he has since lived.

On October 14, 1864, he wedded Elizabeth Hagy, who was born in this county on July 25, 1842, where she has always resided, and is a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Miller) Hagy. Mr. and Mrs. Holt are the parents of the following children, namely: Charles A., who wedded Estella Ryerson, and resides in Columbus, Ohio; Susie E., who is thirty-eight years of age, was first married to Wishard Parkinson, her second husband being William Nash, and they now reside in St. Louis, Missouri; Laura G., thirty-six years of age, whose first marriage was with Perry Smoke, and her second with Samuel Winn of Newark, Ohio; and James William, who was born February 3, 1875, and wedded Hannah Snider. Mr. Holt has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for over forty years. The success of his enterprise and industry in his days of activity enable him to live comfortably in retirement on the fruits of his long years of honest toil.

JOHN S. GRAHAM.

John S. Graham, who for six years has acceptably filled the office of county commissioner, his reelection in 1908 being the evidence of commendation and trust on the part of the general public, spends much of the year in Granville and a portion of the time upon a farm of three hundred acres which he owns in McKean township. He has always derived his income from agricultural pursuits and stands as a prominent representative of farming interests in Licking county. His birth occurred in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, January 16, 1864, but when three months old he was brought to this county by his widowed mother. His parents were John Shannon and Hannah (Hayes) Graham, both natives of Pennsylvania, the former of Scotch lineage and the latter of Irish descent. The father had enlisted for service in the Union army and was to have joined the regulars but was thrown from a horse and killed. He had up to this time followed the occupation of farming. After being left a widow Mrs. Graham brought her family to Ohio, locating in McKean township, Licking county, making her home with her brother-in-law, John Barrick. She had four children: Mary M., now the widow of the Rev. F. H. Smiley, of Ohio M. E. Conference; Jennie A., the wife of Rev. C. F. Prior of the Ohio M. E. conference; David F., of New York City; and John S.

On a farm in McKean township, John S. Graham was reared and the common schools and a business college afforded him his educational privileges and equipped him for life's practical and responsible duties. In his youthful days he aided in the work of the farm and afterward formed a partnership with his uncle and together they carried on husbandry until Mr. Graham purchased a part of the

old home farm that has since continued to be his place of residence. He now owns a farm of three hundred acres in the southwest corner of McKean township, on the Appleton and Granville road, and carries on general farming and stock-raising. He has many kinds of stock upon his place and well improved farm buildings, while the fields are rich and productive, responding readily to the care and labor bestowed upon them. In 1907 Mr. Graham purchased a dwelling in Granville, where he remains during the scholastic year in order to educate his two sons.

On the 5th of October, 1888, Mr. Graham was married to Miss Minnie T. Deardorff, who was born in Springfield, Ohio, a daughter of General J. M. Deardorff, who had charge of the state militia during the Morgan raid. He had raised a regiment for the war but the colonel's commission was given to another and he took charge of the state troops. For many years he was numbered among the leading manufacturers of Springfield, Ohio. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Graham was blessed with two sons, Paul B. and Hayes D. They have also reared an orphan girl, Bessie Kulp, who has lived with them twelve years.

In his political views Mr. Graham is a republican recognized as one of the leaders of the party. Six years ago he was elected county commissioner and on the expiration of his first term of three years was reelected and is now acting in that capacity. Over the record of his official life there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil, for his course has been characterized by the utmost devotion to the general good. For twelve years he was a member of the township board of education in McKean township and the cause of the schools has ever found in him a stalwart champion. For twenty-five years he has been an official member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Granville and his life has at all times been actuated by high and honorable principles and characterized by the utmost devotion to the public good. In his business career he has so directed his efforts and energies that his labors have been crowned with gratifying success and in addition to his farming operations he is interested in the Granville Bank as a stockholder and director. Whatever he undertakes he accomplishes and his resolute spirit, unfaltering energy and indefatigable enterprise constitute an example well worthy of emulation.

JOHN W. WILLIAMS.

The fine farm, comprising one hundred acres, situated in Burlington township, now owned by John W. Williams, has been in possession of the family through several generations. It was the birthplace of our subject, who was born September 29, 1867, a son of Jonas J. and Mary E. (Wilson) Williams, the former also born on this farm, while the latter was a native of Eden township, Licking county. The son was reared on the home place and was early trained to the duties necessary to the cultivation of the fields, his time being fully occupied from the planting in early spring until the gathering of the crops in the late autumn. For a short period during the winter months he attended the district school of the neighborhood but his advantages in this direction were somewhat limited. When

a young man of twenty-four or twenty-five, he and a brother purchased that portion of the farm on which stood the buildings and after a few years Mr. Williams bought his brother's interest, so that he is now operating it independently. He has here one hundred acres, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation, while his farm buildings are considered among the finest in Licking county. The tract is located on an elevation and thus commands a prominent view for miles around. In his farm work Mr. Williams follows the most modern methods and uses the latest improved machinery to facilitate his work. He manifests much skill in his labors and this combined with his thrift and industry has been the means of his forging to the front in agricultural circles, so that today he is numbered among the county's foremost citizens.

Mr. Williams was married in 1895, the lady of his choice being Miss Allie Bash, a daughter of Frank Bash, of McKean township, now deceased. A little daughter and son, Helen Fay and Carl C., grace the home of Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

In his political views Mr. Williams is a republican, strong in his support of its measures. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the United Presbyterian church, of which he is now serving on the board of trustees. He possesses a firm and determined character, one that recognizes and utilizes opportunity and no citizen of Burlington township is held in higher regard and esteem than is John W. Williams.

ANDREW J. SMITH.

Andrew J. Smith, owning and cultivating a well improved farm of eighty acres in McKean township, was born in Licking county, Ohio, November 1, 1843, his parents being George W. and Lida (Piles) Smith, natives of Pennsylvania and West Virginia respectively. The father, who was sixteen years of age when he came to this county, continued to reside here until called to his final rest on the 11th of September, 1891, the community thus losing one of its most respected and worthy pioneer settlers. His wife, who survived him but a very brief time, was laid to rest one month later. Unto this worthy couple were born thirteen children, namely: William H., a resident of Texas; Bennett T., of Licking county; Andrew J., of this review; Mary E., the wife of Samuel Wagner, of Nebraska; Martha J., the wife of William Howell; John W. and George W., who have passed away; Richard G.; Sevilia, the wife of Mitchell Willard, of McKean township; Urilla, the deceased wife of Frank Lock; Henry F.; Charles L., living in McKean township; and Asa, who is also deceased.

Andrew J. Smith acquired his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority, when he rented a farm and was actively engaged in its cultivation for eight years. On the expiration of that period he bought a tract of fifty acres in Burlington township, which he sold at the end of two years and then bought a farm of forty acres in McKean township, making his home thereon for twelve years. After disposing of that property he purchased a tract of eighty acres in McKean township, in the improve-

ment and development of which he has been successfully engaged to the present time. The farm presents a well kept appearance and everything about the place is indicative of the careful supervision of the owner, whose methods are at once practical and progressive. His industry has ever been one of his salient characteristics and has been the measure of his prosperity.

On the 8th of December, 1864, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Johnson, a native of McKean township, Licking county, and a daughter of John L. and Mary A. (Bowers) Johnson, whose family numbered ten children. The father is deceased but the mother is still living, having now attained the age of eighty-three years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been born four children. Eva May, who is the wife of Felix Nutter, of Newton township, has six children: Grace E., Ray, Blanche, Annie, and Avia and Trevia, twins. Alice N., who is the wife of Elmer Sillen, of McKean township, has three children, as follows: Zora, Hugh and Fred. William A., who also makes his home in McKean township, is married and has one daughter, Vernie. George L., the youngest member of the Smith family, is likewise a resident of McKean township.

Mr. Smith gives stalwart allegiance to the men and measures of the democracy and has served in the position of constable. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Evangelist church, with which his wife is also identified. Having spent their entire lives in this county, they have been interested witnesses of its substantial growth and development and, owing to their many excellent traits of character, enjoy the warm regard and esteem of many friends throughout the community.

MORGAN J. WILLIAMS.

Morgan J. Williams is remembered by many who knew him as an honest, industrious, frugal man, reliable in his business and loyal in matters of citizenship. His life was at all times guided by honorable purposes and his many good traits endeared him to those who knew him. He was born October 14, 1833, in Utica, New York, and was a son of Thomas D. and Hannah Williams, both of whom were natives of Wales. The father was a cooper by trade and followed that pursuit in order to provide a living for his family of seven children, namely: Thomas, Morgan, William, Eva, Cyrus, Ruth and Mark.

Morgan J. Williams was but a lad at the time of his mother's death and he then went to live with a man by the name of John J. Hughes. When a young man he left the state of New York and removed westward to Ohio. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade which he followed for a number of years, after which he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits. On the 15th of February, 1869, he was married to Mrs. Henrietta J. (Twining) Jones, a daughter of Merriek and Corintha (Clark) Twining. Her father was a native of Massachusetts while her mother was born in Granville, Ohio. Throughout his entire life Mr. Twining followed the occupation of farming and was well known as a leading representative of agricultural interests in this county. Unto him and his wife were born nine children: Henrietta, Lewis S., Edward, deceased,

Harriet, Almira, Nelson, Charles, Henry and Gratia. The last named is also deceased. Having arrived at womanhood Henrietta J. Twining first gave her hand in marriage to Lewis Jones on September 14, 1848, and unto them were born three children: De'Esting W., who is engaged in the hardware business and makes his home with his mother; Otto S., who married Georgiana Williams, a liveryman; and Alma M., the wife of Edward E. Tight, a farmer living near Alexandria, Ohio. The birth of Henrietta J. Twining occurred in 1830 and she has long been a resident of this county. Following the death of her first husband she became the wife of Morgan J. Williams and they went to live on her farm about a mile from Granville on the Alexandria road. The place comprises one hundred and four acres of land which responds readily to the care and cultivation bestowed upon it. Here Mr. Williams not only conducted the farm but also worked at the carpenter's trade, living a useful and active life. Unto this marriage there were born, in 1871, twin sons: Dr. Howard L., a graduate of Ontario Veterinary College, who practices in Newark, and Dr. George L. Williams, a graduate of the Ohio Medical University, and practices in Columbus. The death of the husband and father occurred December 23, 1893, and was the occasion of deep and widespread regret to many friends as well as his immediate family. In politics he was a staunch republican, giving unswerving support to the principles of the party. He was strictly temperate, never indulging in the use of intoxicants in any form and his entire life was characterized by the highest moral principles. He held membership in the Granville Presbyterian church in which he served as an elder. Not the good that comes to us but the good that comes to the world through us is the measure of our success and, judging in this way, Mr. Williams was an eminently successful man. Mrs. Williams now resides on her farm west of Granville, having taken up her abode here April 1, 1909. She still owns the farm property on which there are three gas wells, and from these she derives a very substantial and gratifying annual income.

LEVI M. FARNSWORTH.

Levi M. Farnsworth was a retired farmer living in Croton, Ohio, who owned three hundred and twenty-eight acres of valuable land in this county at the time of his death, from which he derived a substantial annual income. For many years he gave his undivided attention to the work of the fields and through his close application and unremitting diligence won the success that was his in his latter years. His birth occurred March 13, 1844, in Marion township, Licking county, his parents being Mahlon and Lydia (Miller) Farnsworth, who came to Licking county from Virginia. The father was a machinist and followed that trade for some time, while later he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits.

Levi M. Farnsworth was reared on the old home place and was educated in the district schools, dividing his time between the work of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the duties that were assigned him in connection with the development of the fields. When a young man he entered the employ

of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and for fourteen years remained in the employ of that and the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company at the Centerville pumping station. He removed from Centerville to Monroe township in 1898 and then to Croton, where he passed away. He was a large landowner, his farms comprising about three hundred and twenty-eight acres of productive and well improved land. After taking up his abode in Monroe township he bent every energy toward the cultivation and development of his place but a few years before his death gave up active work and lived retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest. His life was one of continuous and well directed activity and his tireless energy, keen perception and honesty of purpose brought him the prosperity which he latterly enjoyed.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Farnsworth was married on the 14th of October, 1893, to Miss Emma Evans, a daughter of Lewis and Margaret Jane (Conard) Evans, the former a farmer of Bennington township. Mr. and Mrs. Farnsworth had two children, Roy E. and Margaret Jane, who are pupils in the village school. The home of the Farnsworths is an attractive center of culture and refinement and its hospitality is greatly enjoyed by many friends. Mr. Farnsworth was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was a republican in politics but aside from voting took no active part therein. He was, however, never remiss in the duties of citizenship but gave loyal allegiance to many movements and measures for the public good. He was a man of many sterling traits of character, and in his death the town and county have lost one who will long be remembered and admired.

EDWARD YOUNG.

Among the prosperous and progressive young farmers of McKean township is Edward Young, who was born in Newton, this county, January 20, 1870, son of Daniel and Rachael A. (Fry) Young, his mother being a native of Newton township and his father of the state of New Jersey. Daniel Young departed this life March 22, 1884, and his wife survived him twenty-one years. They reared a family of nine children, namely: James U., a resident of Licking county; Monroe, who makes his home in Newark; George C. and Clara E., both of whom are deceased; Edward, of this review; Fourth and Dora, who have also passed away; one who died in infancy; and Frank A., residing in the state of Washington.

In the district schools Edward Young received his education and when he had completed his studies he still remained at his father's home, where he engaged in general farm work until he was twenty-one years of age, when being ambitious to engage in business on his own account he rented part of the old home farm which he kept under cultivation until the year 1904. During this time he was untiring in his application to business and by his industry he succeeded in producing excellent crops, for which he found a ready market, and finally saved sufficient means with which to purchase the tract of land on which he now resides. His farm contains sixty-four acres to which he has since given his attention. He has tilled the fields so that rich crops have been harvested and he has also improved

the buildings on his place, repairing and remodeling the house and outbuildings and keeping everything in good condition. He uses the latest improved machinery to develop the fields and his work is being attended with gratifying success.

On July 20, 1893, Mr. Young wedded Miss Hattie M. Bevard, a native of McKean township and a daughter of Adam and Mary (Rhodes) Bevard. Her parents, also natives of this county, are now residing in Newark. Mrs. Young has one brother, who lives with his parents. To Mr. and Mrs. Young were born five children, namely: Frank, Viva G., Asa M., Harley E. and May Alta. Mr. Young and his wife hold membership with the Disciples of Christ and are loyal to the church and its teachings, contributing to its support and aiding in its various activities. In politics Mr. Young is a democrat and to this party he gives his allegiance because upon thorough investigation he believes its principles to contain the secret of the nation's prosperity. He is a member of the Grangers and is interested in all pertaining to the agricultural development of the community and to its progress in political, intellectual and moral lines. His own character worth commends him to the confidence and respect of his fellowmen and Licking county numbers him among her valued residents.

JOHN T. GILLESPIE.

John T. Gillespie, whose well directed and unremitting activity in former years now enables him to live retired in Brownsville, in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil, was born in Harford county, Maryland, on the 16th of December, 1827, his parents being William and Sarah (Heap) Gillespie. The paternal grandfather, John Gillespie, whose birth occurred near Cork, Ireland, was there married and about 1785 emigrated to the United States, subsequently becoming a planter and slave-owner of Maryland. On the paternal side the ancestry can be traced back to the House of Stuart of England. William Gillespie, the father of our subject, was a native of Harford county, Maryland, was there reared and on attaining man's estate took up farming as a life work. In 1833 he came to Ohio, arriving at McConnelsville, Morgan county, on the 16th of November of that year. There he continued to reside until 1844, when he located near Roseville, in Clay township, Muskingum county, where he made his home until 1847. In that year he came to Licking county, locating on the property in Brownsville where his son, John T. Gillespie, now resides and there remaining until he passed away in September, 1881. His remains were interred in the Brownsville cemetery, as were also those of his wife, whom he had married in Maryland, she being a native of that state. Unto this worthy couple were born six children, namely: John T., of this review; Mary E., the widow of William Dilts; Sarah J. and Margaret E., both of whom are deceased; and two who died in infancy.

As a student in the academy at McConnelsville, John T. Gillespie acquired a good education and subsequently taught school for one term in Morgan county, one term in Muskingum county and, after coming to Brownsville, taught for a similar period in the schools here. He then turned his attention to coopering, being identified with that line of activity for several years, and then followed mer-

chandising a number of years, meeting with a gratifying and well merited measure of success in his undertakings. Subsequently he was engaged in buying and shipping produce but eventually retired, having accumulated a competence sufficient to enable him to spend his remaining days in comfort and ease, without further recourse to business activity. He owns an attractive and commodious residence in Brownsville, as well as forty-five acres of valuable land in Hopewell township, and is interested in real estate in Brownsville and Bowling Green township, being numbered among the substantial and representative citizens of the community. On November 12, 1846, Mr. Gillespie was united in marriage to Miss Eliza J. Risen, of Morgan county, by whom he had six children, as follows: William T., whose whereabouts are unknown; Sarah E., the wife of James Uffner, of Brownsville, Ohio; Eva A., the wife of David R. Mealick, of Blackford county, Indiana; and three who have passed away.

In his political affiliation Mr. Gillespie was originally a whig, then a republican and finally became a supporter of the democracy, whose candidates and principles he upholds at state and national elections but votes independently on local questions. Between the periods 1871 and 1899 he served twenty-one years as justice of the peace and it is worthy of note that during his long term of office he did not have a decision overruled by the higher court, which speaks in strong terms of his legal knowledge and ability as well as of his sense of justice and his executive powers. He is a strong anti-saloon man and has always worked strenuously in order to abolish the liquor traffic and thereby relieve humanity of the cause of the greater portion of its poverty, sickness and misery. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In religious faith he is a Universalist, while his wife is a member of the Presbyterian church. He has a very wide and favorable acquaintance throughout the county in which he has now so long resided, being highly esteemed by all who know him as one of its venerable and honored citizens.

THOMAS F. COULTER.

Thomas F. Coulter, a contractor of Newark, has won a prominent place in the industrial circles of the community. Besides being interested in an extensive contracting trade he is also the president of the Coulter-McKay Realty Company. Ambitious and of an aggressive spirit, he is an industrious man and it has been through his keen business discernment and perseverance that he has become head of a profitable enterprise. He was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, in 1873. Cyrus Coulter, his father, was also a native of Pennsylvania and for many years was engaged in the contracting and roofing business. Mary Coulter, mother of the subject, was also a native of the Keystone state.

Thomas F. Coulter, who was one of a family of four children, obtained his education in the common schools of his native city. Being anxious to get out in the business world for himself and being ambitious to learn a trade, he apprenticed to his father and learned the roofing and contracting business. Under the supervision of his father, who was a skilled mechanic, he progressed rapidly and

soon became a skilled artisan and master of all details of the business. Leaving his native city in 1905 he came to Newark, where he began business for himself. Since then he has applied himself diligently to his work and has succeeded in developing an extensive trade. He is acknowledged to be one of the most proficient men in his line of business in the city and is accounted one of the leading contractors.

Mr. Coulter was united in marriage with Miss Ethel Gill, of Mercer county, Pennsylvania. They have one child, Clyde T., who was born in Newark, Ohio, three years ago. Mr. Coulter is deeply interested in religious work of the First Presbyterian church, of which he is a member and also one of its trustees. He is a member and director of the Newark Young Men's Christian Association, in which he is very popular, and is connected with the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Coulter gives his support to the republican party but is not active in politics beyond exerting his influence in securing the election of honorable men to public office.

JOSEPH C. HANBY.

It was in June, 1893, that Joseph C. Hanby purchased the farm of one hundred and forty-eight acres in Union township, on which he now resides. In the intervening sixteen years he has given his undivided attention to its cultivation and has brought the fields into a state of rich fertility. He follows modern methods in all his farm work and his labors are bringing him a substantial and gratifying annual income. Mr. Hanby is a native of Perry county, Ohio, his birth having occurred near Thornville in 1860. His parents were William and Amanda (Overholt) Hanby, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Knox county, Ohio. Mr. Hanby was a son of John and Sarah (Abbott) Hanby, who were among the pioneer residents of Perry county, journeying thither in wagons, for it was long prior to the era of railroad building. John Hanby was not permitted to enjoy his new home any length of time, for he died soon after reaching his destination. The members of his family were William, Samuel, George, Martha and Elizabeth A., and two who died in childhood, one being drowned in a well, while the other was killed by lightning. Of this family William Hanby was the eldest, and brought to Perry county in early childhood, he was there reared amid the wild scenes of pioneer life. As stated, he wedded Amanda Overholt. Their last years, however, were spent in Perry county, and they were well known farming people, whose lives closely adhered to high standards and won for them the respect and confidence of those with whom they were associated. Their family numbered nine children, seven sons and two daughters, of whom one son and one daughter are deceased. The family record is as follows: John Jefferson, now living in Van Wert county; Sarah Ann, who became the wife of Jesse Mechling and died in Van Wert, Ohio; Joseph C. of this review; Alma F., the wife of William Fallars, of Van Wert county; Lincoln E., who died in Van Wert, leaving a widow and one child; William G., of Allen county, Ohio; B. F., who is living on a part of the home farm in Perry county; Alta B., also living on the homestead farm; and David Webster, of Perry county. The father owned in

Perry county a tract of rich land of one hundred and seventy-six acres and also another farm of eighty acres and in his business affairs met with good success, owing to his capable management and well directed thrift. He started in life empty-handed and in fact was dependent upon his own resources from an early age. Gradually he worked his way upward, however, carefully utilizing his business opportunities until his labors brought him to a place among the substantial and prosperous farmers of his community. He voted with the republican party but manifested only a citizen's interest in political affairs. He and his family are all members of the Methodist church.

On the old homestead farm in Perry county, Joseph C. Hanby was reared, remaining there with his parents until twenty-three years of age, during which time he assisted in the farm work. He aided in the task of plowing, planting and harvesting and when the duties of the fields were largely over for the year, he attended the public schools of the neighborhood. On leaving home he went to Van Wert county, where he engaged in farming for eighteen months and in 1885 arrived in Licking county. Here he invested in land, purchasing a farm of sixty acres, which he cultivated for about eight years and then in June, 1893, sold that property and bought his present farm comprising one hundred and forty-eight acres of rich and productive land in Union township. He has here made many improvements and the farm is well equipped with modern conveniences and accessories. In addition to tilling the soil he also raises stock and both branches of his business are proving remunerative.

Just before coming to this county, Mr. Hanby was married in Perry county, in 1884, to Miss Laura A. Goodin, who was born in that county in 1869, a daughter of Asa and Sarah Ellen (Miller) Goodin, who were natives of Pennsylvania. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Hanby has been blessed with two children, a son and a daughter. Hollis G., who was born in Perry county, married Ethel Tavner, and they have one child. He occupies a part of his father's farm, which he is carefully cultivating. The daughter, Lulu B. was married to T. E. Jones, December 6, 1908.

In his political views Mr. Hanby is a republican but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him, as he has always preferred to devote his attention to his business affairs, in which he has met signal success. The Methodist Episcopal church of Hebron numbers him among its valued representatives and it is well known that his influence can always be counted upon on the side of justice, truth and general improvement.

T. J. BLINE.

T. J. Bline, who has long been numbered among the progressive and prosperous agriculturists of Newton township, was born in Licking county, Ohio, on the 4th of May, 1847. His parents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Frederick) Bline, natives of Virginia, came to Licking county in 1829. For thirteen years the father was engaged in the operation of rented land and in 1843 purchased a farm, on which he made his home until his demise, which occurred April 9, 1888. He

was widely recognized as a most worthy and respected pioneer settler of this county and one whose labors proved an important element in its agricultural development. His wife was called to her final rest in the year 1887. Unto this worthy couple were born ten children, namely: Mary A., deceased; John W., a resident of Crawford county, Illinois; Sophia, who has also passed away; David and A. J., residing in Licking county; T. J., of this review; Rebecca, the wife of Samuel Hawkinson, of Licking county; Jacob, who likewise makes his home in this county; Elizabeth, the wife of A. J. Swisher, of Licking county; and one who died in infancy.

T. J. Bline obtained his education in the common schools and early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist as he assisted his father in the work of the home farm. In 1872 he purchased his present farm in Newton township and as the years have gone by he has placed many substantial improvements thereon, so that it is now lacking in none of the conveniences and accessories of a model farming property of the twentieth century. In the conduct of his agricultural interests he has been very successful, owing to his untiring labor and sound business judgment, and he is well known as a progressive and enterprising citizen of his native county.

Mr. Bline has been married twice. At the age of twenty-eight years he wedded Miss Eleanor King, a daughter of John King, of Licking county. By this union there were seven children: Bertha, the wife of Bud Brown, of this county; Clyde, a resident of Newark, Ohio; Frances G., the wife of Charles Osborne, of Licking county; Blanche, at home; Cora, the wife of Stanley Wright, of Newark, Ohio; Pearl, also yet at home; and Calvin P., who is deceased. Mrs. Eleanor Bline passed away in 1896 and in 1900 Mr. Bline was again married, his second union being with Mary J. Runnels, the widow of Orlando Runnels, of Licking county. Mrs. Bline is also a native of this county, her birth having occurred in 1840.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Bline has given his political allegiance to the democracy and has served his fellow townsmen in the position of township trustee and also as a member of the school board. He is likewise identified with the Grange. Both he and his wife are widely and favorably known throughout the county in which they have spent their entire lives, possessing those commendable traits of character which in every land and clime awaken admiration and respect.

ARTHUR WYETH.

Arthur Wyeth, a prosperous farmer and highly respected citizen of Liberty township, was born in this county February 16, 1866, a son of Stillman S. and Elizabeth (Wright) Wyeth, his father having come to Licking county from Massachusetts with his parents, David and Sallie Wyeth, in the year 1838, locating in this township, where he departed this life April 1, 1891, leaving a widow. Both father and grandfather were substantial farmers of this county and men whose sterling qualities made them representative and influential citizens.

On his father's farm Arthur Wyeth spent his boyhood days and in the district schools of the township acquired his preliminary education subsequently pursuing a course of study in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, completing the sophomore year. Later he taught in the schools of this county for five winter terms and was employed on his father's farm during the summer months. He was regarded as one of the progressive teachers of the county. In the year 1890 he took the civil service examination for appointment in the railway mail service and made the third highest grade in a large class of applicants, being soon after assigned to a position. He remained in the service for two years but resigned upon the death of his father to take charge of his farm and other business interests. He has since followed general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of breeding sheep. Mr. Wyeth has extensive land interests and his farm bears evidence of excellent care, being highly improved and equipped with all conveniences by which to pursue the occupation by the most modern and progressive methods.

Mr. Wyeth has been twice united in marriage. His first union occurred October 24, 1888, with Miss Allie Butt, daughter of Wilson and Mary (Kasson) Butt. She departed this life in April, 1895, leaving her husband and two children: Cleo D. and Claude S. On December 30, 1897, he was married to Miss Jennie M. Jackson, daughter of Burr D. and Adah (Arnold) Jackson of this county and to this union were born two children, Pauline and Esther. Mr. Wyeth has always given his political support to the republican party and is active in its affairs as a member of the county committee and county election board. He has served as delegate both to the county, district and state conventions and has on several occasions been urged to become a candidate for office. He takes a profound interest in church work and is recording steward of the circuit and also a trustee in the Methodist Episcopal church in which he is class leader and has been superintendent of the Sunday school. Aside from being a progressive and enterprising citizen Mr. Wyeth is a man of high moral and spiritual ambitions, whose upright and straightforward life exerts a telling influence among those with whom he associates and which makes him one whom it is a pleasure to meet, both in the ordinary affairs of the world and in a social way in his home, which he strives to make ideal and the center of happiness and hospitality.

JOHN HENRY CRIST.

John Henry Crist, who for many years has been following general farming and stock-raising in Thornville, Perry county, Ohio, was born on the farm on which he now resides January 18, 1844. He is a representative of a family long identified with the farming interests of this part of the state. His grandfather, W. P. C. Crist, was a weaver who came to the United States about the time of the Revolutionary war and enlisted under General Washington and served through-

out the conflict. When he came to Perry county, this state, he had three hundred dollars of government script which, it is related, he became weary of looking at and burnt it. He was united in marriage in Pennsylvania to Miss Butts, with whom he came to the above named county, where he spent his remaining days in the pursuit of agriculture. Among his children was Frederick Crist, the father of the subject of this review, whose birth occurred in the Keystone state and who accompanied his father to Perry county when he was in his seventh year. There he remained until his marriage. In 1827, he purchased the farm on which his son John now resides. He was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church and politically allied himself with the democratic party, having been well known throughout the district for his advocacy of its principles. His wife was a native of Fairfield county and at her death, which occurred in this county, her remains were interred in Perry county. Mrs. Crist was well known throughout the vicinity for her high moral character and Christian zeal and for the part she took in the affairs of the Lutheran church, where she regularly attended divine services. She was the mother of eight children, namely: Levi, deceased; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Jesse A. Roolie, upon whose death she was united in marriage to David Griffith, the couple now residing at Jacksontown, this state; Mary Ann, deceased; George Washington, deceased; John Jackson, deceased; Solomon, an agriculturist of Hebron, this state; Rebecca, wife of S. O. Hendren; and John Henry.

The district schools of Licking township afforded John Henry Crist his preliminary education and later he pursued a course of study at Pleasantville, Ohio, after completing which he taught school for one year and then returned to the home farm where he has since been engaged in general agriculture. He owns one hundred and two and a quarter acres of land, upon which he has erected fine buildings including a dwelling house, substantial barn and outbuildings, and his farm, having received all necessary attention particularly as to the care of its soil, is one of the finest in the county. Mixed husbandry is pursued by Mr. Crist and he also engages to some extent in stock-raising.

In 1885 Mr. Crist was united in marriage to Florence Cherry, of this county, by whom he has had five children, namely: Stanley Frederick, at home; Anna Louisa; William Franklin; John Bryant, deceased; and Claude Cherry. The democratic party has always commanded the vote and influence of Mr. Crist who has always taken quite an interest in local politics, having served for several years as trustee of the township and at the same time having done much toward promoting measures having for their object a better school system and better roads. He is an active member of the Lutheran church, upon the services of which he is a regular attendant.

H. W. CONGER.

On the 1st of January, 1908, H. W. Conger came into possession, through purchase, of his present fine farm property, consisting of two hundred and fifty acres, located in Perry township, Licking county, and here he gives the greater part of his time and attention to raising fine grades of stock, although he carries on general farming to some extent. Mr. Conger was born in McLean county, Illinois, November 9, 1857, a son of Elias J. and Harriet Marinda (Miller) Con-

ger, both of whom were natives of Licking county, their respective parents removing here from Pennsylvania. Elias J. Conger and Harriet M. Miller were here reared and married and three or four children were added to the household ere they made a removal to McLean county, Illinois. After spending several years in the latter place they returned to Licking county, believing it to be a more healthful climate, as the land in McLean county was very swampy. They then spent the remainder of their lives in Licking county, the father here passing away on the 8th of October, 1871. He was a stanch democrat in his political belief but was never active as an office holder. Following the death of the husband and father, the mother afterward married a man by the name of Jonathan Frost, who died six years later. She then became the wife of George Lacey and survived his death for about twelve years, her demise occurring in 1906.

H. W. Conger was a little lad of eight years when his parents removed from McLean county, Illinois, to Licking county, so that he was practically reared in the latter place. He was but fourteen years old when his father's death occurred and until his mother married again he was the main support of the family. However, following her marriage the son was given his time and he then worked as a farm hand, being thus employed for twelve years. As an indication of his thrift it is said that he was paid a higher wage than any other farm hand in this section of the county. In 1880, when a young man of twenty-three years, he, with several others, purchased what proved to be a worthless tax title on land in Pound county, Kentucky. The land was heavily timbered and after Mr. Conger learned of the invalidity of his title, he immediately set to work to clear a portion of the land of the timber, which he shipped and in this way recovered the full amount of money which he had invested, he being the only one of the investors who recovered their money.

In 1882 Mr. Conger established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Leora Barcroft, a native of Knox county, Ohio. Following their marriage the young couple began their domestic life upon a farm, which Mr. Conger rented for seven years. He worked earnestly and persistently in the cultivation of his farm, and, carefully saving his earnings, was eventually enabled to purchase sixty-five acres of land, adjoining the tract which he now owns. To this place he removed and there spent his time in its cultivation during the succeeding four years, subsequent to which time he disposed of his farm and removed to Zanesville, Ohio, where he lived for eighteen months, his time being given to the conduct of a wholesale meat establishment. On the expiration of that period he disposed of his business there and removed to Newark and for four years engaged in buying butcher cattle for the firm of Miller & Howell. He then became one of five men who organized the Howell Provision Company, of which Mr. Conger was elected vice president. For five years he was identified with this firm but on the 1st of January, 1908, severed his connection therewith and purchased his present farm, comprising two hundred and fifty acres located in Perry township. This is a well improved property on which stands a comfortable country residence, while substantial barns and outbuildings furnish ample shelter for grain and stock. Mr. Conger has here given a portion of his time to general farming but his farm is heavily stocked and he expects in the near future to give his time exclusively to raising and shipping stock, in which he is already meeting with excellent success. His long experience in buying stock has given him excellent knowledge of the

worth of animals, so that he will undoubtedly meet with good results in this field of activity.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Conger has been blessed with five children, of whom three survive, these being Earl J., Lena Blanche and Helen M., all still under the parental roof. Mr. Conger is a liberal democrat in his political views, not feeling bound by party ties. He is largely a self-made man, for he started out upon his own resources at an early age and in the years that have come and gone, through the inherent force of his nature and the utilization of opportunities, has passed from a humble position to one of prominence in agricultural and stock-raising circles of Licking county. He is well known in Licking county and other sections and none with whom he has been brought in contact, either in a business or social capacity, have found him other than what he represents himself to be—a straightforward, honorable citizen.

JASPER M. KECKLEY.

Jasper M. Keckley, manager for the Edward H. Everett Company of which he is also the vice president, has worked his way steadily upward in the business world and his record is at all times commendable, for he has ever regarded an engagement made or a promise given as a sacred obligation. At the same time he possesses a spirit of determination that has opened to him new avenues of opportunity when others have seemed closed and his salient characteristics commend him to the good will of his contemporaries and his associates.

Mr. Keckley is a native of Union county, Ohio, his birth having occurred November 26, 1860. His paternal grandfather, John Keckley, came from the east to Licking county with Mr. Bowers and Mr. Crotinger, and they were among the first settlers in this part of the state. The three young men married sisters and all took up land in the northern part of the county, promoting the agricultural development which is always the forerunner of business activity in other lines. John Keckley gave his political support to the whig party until its dissolution when he advocated the candidacy of Abraham Lincoln and voted for him at the polls. He filled several minor offices but did not particularly care for official honors, preferring to devote his time and energy to his farming interests whereby he won well merited success.

His son, George Keckley, father of Jasper M. Keckley, was born on the old homestead in Licking county and also made farming his life work. About 1848, however, he removed to Union county, Ohio, where he remained until his death. He married Nancy Davis, a native of Knox county, Ohio.

Jasper M. Keckley obtained his education in the public and normal schools of Ohio and for ten years successfully engaged in teaching, imparting with clearness and readiness to others the knowledge he had acquired. Thinking to find broader scope in industrial and commercial lines, in 1890 he became associated with the Edward H. Everett Company with which he is still connected. His advancement has followed recognition of his ability and worth and he is now the vice president of this company which is a part of the American Bottling Company. He is also secretary of The Busch-Everett Company.

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On the 3d of October, 1883, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Keckley and Miss Amy Fry, a native of Licking county. They have three children, Hazel A., Vernal E., and J. Russell. Mr. Keckley belongs to the Masonic Lodge and for several years has been a member of the Newark school board, staunchly advocating the adoption of highest standards of education and the employment of methods of instruction that will best qualify the young for life's practical and responsible duties. He is interested in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the community and has given many tangible evidences of his progressive citizenship. His ability in business lines is well known and the success to which he has attained has followed as a logical sequence of his well directed labors.

C. D. LAKE.

C. D. Lake, a well known and successful liveryman of Newark, was born in Hopewell township, Licking county, Ohio, on the 1st of January, 1860. His parents, William and Elizabeth (German) Lake, were also natives of this county. The father was called to his final rest the 21st of January, 1906, but the mother is still living in Licking county at the age of seventy years. Unto this worthy couple were born seven children, namely: A. A., a resident of this county; Mattie; C. D., of this review; Bertha, of Columbus, Ohio; Ella, the wife of K. K. Hines, of Newark, Ohio; and two who are deceased.

C. D. Lake acquired a common-school education and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. He was afterward employed as a farm hand until the time of his marriage, subsequent to which event he was engaged in the operation of a rented farm for three years. He then purchased a tract of eighty acres of land in Franklin township, residing thereon until 1901, when he took up his abode in Newark and became connected with the business interests of this city as proprietor of a livery stable, which he still owns. In its conduct he has met with a gratifying and commendable measure of prosperity and is widely recognized as a substantial, progressive and enterprising citizen of his native county.

In 1885 Mr. Lake was united in marriage to Miss Jessie M. Johnson, whose birth occurred in Licking county in 1859 and who is of Irish descent. Her parents, Josiah and Mary (McFarland) Johnson, are both deceased. Mrs. Lake was one of a family of eight children and by her marriage has become the mother of two: Harriett A., who is now attending high school at Newark; and Jessie Helen, at home.

In his political views Mr. Lake is a stalwart democrat and has served as school director for twelve years, the cause of education ever finding in him a staunch champion. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias Lodge,

No. 13, at Newark; the Eagles, No. 387, at Newark; and the Modern Woodmen of America, No. 4727. Both he and his wife support the Methodist Episcopal church and reside in a fine home of their own at No. 59 Clinton street. They are well known and highly esteemed throughout the county in which they have spent their entire lives, having ever displayed those sterling traits of character which in every land and clime awaken regard and admiration.

HORTON J. BUXTON.

Horton J. Buxton needs no introduction to the readers of this volume for he is one of the best known citizens of Johnstown and Licking county. For almost thirty years he figured as a successful and energetic merchant and is now the president of the Johnstown Bank. His name has long been an honored one on commercial paper, for his fellow citizens have come to know him as a most reliable man whose word is as good as any bond ever solemnized by signature or seal, while his devotion to the general welfare marks him as a public-spirited and loyal citizen. He has now passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, and to some extent is living retired from the more arduous cares of business life. He was born September 29, 1838, and is a son of Norman and Lovine (Jones) Buxton. The parents came from Vermont in 1826, settling in Mount Vernon, Ohio, where they remained for more than a year and then removed to Brandon. A year later they established their residence in Homer and in 1830 came to Johnstown, since which time the family has figured in the public life of this community. The parents were young married people when they left their Vermont home on a journey to Ohio in a one-horse sleigh, and after many adventures which involved a number of difficulties and obstacles, they arrived safely in Mount Vernon, Ohio, after six weeks' travel. They had at the time but eighteen cents but they possessed courageous hearts and willing hands and thus made their start in the west. When they removed to Johnstown their household possessions were hauled in a wagon by the father of General Rosecrans who later figured so prominently in the Civil war. For fifteen years Norman Buxton engaged in the hotel business in Johnstown, continuing at the head of a hostelry until 1846, when he was injured by a fall and rendered helpless. However he became a large landowner and influential citizen, his sound judgment enabling him to make judicious investments in property and to gain gratifying profits from his sales. The community valued him as a friend, a citizen and as a business man, and his death, which occurred on the 16th of September, 1872, was therefore the occasion of deep and widespread regret. His wife, a most estimable lady, survived him until the 3d of November, 1883.

Horton J. Buxton was one of a family of two sons and a daughter who reached adult age. His brother is Harry S. Buxton. His sister, Sophronia, became the wife of Dr. W. F. Paige and is now deceased. Mr. Buxton was educated in the Johnstown schools and as a young man was employed on his father's farms until 1868, when, thinking to find commercial pursuits more congenial and profitable, he established a drug and grocery business in Johnstown, and for twenty-five years conducted commercial interests along those lines. During that period

he enjoyed a large and growing patronage, for his business principles and methods commended him to the confidence and support of the general public. In 1892 he formed a partnership with John Stevens and they conducted the business together until 1897, when Mr. Buxton retired after almost thirty years' connection with mercantile interests in this city. Since that time he has devoted his attention to looking after his fine farming property near Johnstown, for he owns more than seven hundred acres of rich and productive land in this locality, all splendidly improved and well stocked. In November, 1883, he assisted in organizing the Johnstown Bank, the first banking institution of the town. It was conducted as a private bank under the partnership name of Derthick, Buxton & Kasson. In the following year Mr. Kasson retired from the firm and Charles V. Armstrong became a partner under the firm style of Derthick, Buxton & Armstrong. In 1897, following the death of Mr. Derthick, Mr. Buxton was elected president of the bank and the firm name was changed to Buxton & Armstrong. This has remained from the beginning a strong financial concern in which a general banking business is conducted, the institution well meriting the liberal patronage which is accorded it by reason of the well known reliability of the owners.

On the 13th of October, 1864, Mr. Buxton was united in marriage to Miss Armenia Geer, a daughter of Albert and Sarah (Schenck) Geer. They have two children, a son and daughter, Norman G. and Maude S., both at home. The family residence is one of the most attractive homes in Johnstown, not only by reason of its pleasing, artistic and tasteful furnishing but also owing to its warm-hearted and cordial hospitality. Mr. Buxton has also been active and prominent in public affairs and in office has proved his loyalty to the general good by his faithful and efficient service. For thirty years he acted as treasurer of Monroe township, was justice of the peace for six years, and as mayor of Johnstown for four years gave to the city a public spirited administration that greatly furthered its interests along lines of needed reform and progress. He has also been a member of the board of education and the public-school system finds in him a stalwart champion. In politics he is a democrat and has the distinction of having never been defeated in any office for which he was a candidate. This fact indicates in unmistakable manner his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him—a confidence that he has well merited.

WILLIAM EDWIN WRIGHT, M. D.

The public makes more stringent demands, perhaps, on the physician than upon any other representative of business or professional life. If the lawyer chooses to be brusque or crabbed, we are apt to believe that it is a mark of genius, and if the minister is austere and distant we think it is because his mind is engaged in the contemplation of things beyond our ken, but the physician is always expected to be courteous, kindly, hopeful and sympathetic. There is undoubtedly no business so little commercialized as is the practice of medicine, or one in which the individual enters into more close relations with his patrons. Possessing all of the requisite qualities of the popular and able physician, Dr. Wright is doing good

work in the practice of medicine in Newark. He was born in Arkansas in December, 1875, and is the son of Theodore F. Wright. His paternal grandmother, a member of the Hillyer family, was the first white child born in Licking county. The Wrights, too, were also among the oldest settlers here and have been associated with progress and improvement in this section of the state from pioneer times down to the present. Theodore F. Wright, enlisting for service in the Civil war, became a member of the Seventy-sixth Ohio Infantry and afterward joined the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Ohio Regiment. When the war ended he went to Arkansas where he remained until 1880, and then returned to the north to give his children the better educational advantages here offered. In 1906 he sold his plantation in the south and is now in active business in Newark, being secretary of the Licking County Building & Loan Association and a prominent factor in business and financial circles. He married Eliza Clark, a native of Indiana.

Dr. Wright, brought by his parents from his native city to Ohio, pursued his education in the Granville high school and in Denison University. The same patriotic spirit which animated his father at the time of the Civil war was manifest in him when the country became involved in controversy with a foreign country in 1898, and he served for one year as a soldier in the Spanish-American war. Following his military experience he took up the study of medicine and was graduated from the Starling Medical College at Columbus with the class of 1903. For a year and a half he was connected with the Mount Carmel Hospital as interne and the broad, practical experience there gained proved an excellent preparation for his later professional service. On leaving the hospital he came to Newark where he has since engaged in general practice. He is a member of the Licking County and Ohio State Medical Societies and of the American Medical Association. He is now acting as secretary of the local society and finds inspiration for his work through the interchange of thought and experience in those organizations.

In 1906 Dr. Wright was married to Miss Josephine Veach, a daughter of W. E. Veach of Newark, while her mother belonged to the Ball family. Dr. and Mrs. Wright belong to the Presbyterian church and are well known in Newark, their home being the center of a cultured society circle. Attractive social qualities render them popular, while professional skill has gained Dr. Wright a prominent place in his chosen calling.

HARVEY ORR.

The farming interests of Licking county have always been in the hands of a class of men noted for their enterprise and industry and among those who are now numbered among the prosperous agriculturists and worthy citizens of Franklin township is Harvey Orr, who was born in this township, August 3, 1858, a son of John B. and Eliza A. (Cooperrider) Orr. His father was a native of Bowling Green township where he spent his early days, eventually removing to Franklin township, where he remained until his death which occurred in August, 1884, when he was laid to rest in Fairmount cemetery, Licking township. He was numbered among the thrifty and substantial farmers of the county. In national

and state politics he always favored the democratic party, and, having taken a deep interest in the welfare of his own immediate community, he was called to serve in a number of local offices. He was as well known for his religious as for his business endeavors and was one of the leading factors in the life of the Lutheran church with which he was affiliated. His wife was also a native of Bowling Green township, where she had always lived and was united in marriage. Her death occurred in 1895 and her remains were interred in the same cemetery as her husband. She reared six children, namely: Martha, who passed away in infancy; Leroy, who departed this life in February, 1903; Austin, an agriculturist of Franklin township; Stephen; one who died in infancy; and Millie A., deceased.

Harvey Orr's boyhood days were spent on his father's farm, in the meantime availing himself of the educational advantages of the district schools. He remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-five years of age when he rented land in Franklin township, where he began farming for himself and has since been so successful in the venture that he owns his present farm, which contains two hundred and fifteen acres. Here he has erected an attractive residence of modern style of architecture together with all the other necessary buildings and, his farm receiving his undivided attention, everything about the place is in excellent repair and presents throughout a fine appearance. General farming commands his energies and he also takes some interest in raising stock. His labors have been so remunerative that he is not only the owner of this excellent farm but is also financially interested in a local bank.

In 1883 Mr. Orr wedded Miss Fannie A. Hoskinson, a native of Franklin township, by whom he had one son, Fred C., who resides with his parents. Mr. Orr is loyal to the democratic party in national and state affairs. He has served as township clerk for twelve years and for four years as treasurer, having also officiated in a capable manner for four years as a member of the board of state supervisors of election, being appointed to this office by the secretary of state. He is an ardent devotee of a progressive school system and as a member of the school board has done much in this line. He is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, meeting at Fredonia. Amid the pressure of his business and other affairs Mr. Orr has never overlooked the fact that a man's religious duties are of more importance than any others confronting him and he holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs, and of which he has officiated as steward for a number of years. In every respect, both from a point of view of enterprise in business lines and his upright and exemplary character, Mr. Orr is one of the township's most useful and worthy citizens.

WARREN S. WEIANT.

Warren S. Weiant is connected with many of the most important business interests of Newark and has been termed the busiest man of the city, an appellation which is well deserved when we note how many and how important are the commercial and industrial concerns that have felt the stimulus of his activity and well applied energy. He who studies the signs of the times and the forces

that have contributed to the country's greatness, recognizes the fact that those who have aided most largely in the upbuilding and development of their respective localities are those who have become strong and forceful men by reason of the development of their native powers through the stimulus of competition and necessity. It is not men who are born to affluence that are ruling the world today, but those whose lack of advantages in youth caused them to exert and thus develop the inherent forces of their character, improving opportunities that others have passed by heedlessly. Mr. Weiant has become one of the forceful business men of Newark, contributing to the general prosperity in the control of his individual interests. He was born in Licking county, February 8, 1858. His father, Andrew Weiant, a native of Newburg, New York, came to this county in 1822, with his father, Andrew Weiant, the family home being established sixteen miles north of Newark. The grandfather and father both operated the old homestead farm, Andrew Weiant, Jr., continuing the further development and improvement of that place up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1885, when he was sixty-five years of age. He wedded Mariette Taylor, a native of Ballston Spa, New York, who died in 1908, having reached the ripe old age of eighty-three years. Their family numbered four sons and four daughters.

Warren S. Weiant, whose name introduces this review, was a pupil in the district schools of Licking county and afterward attended the high school of Newark. Early in life he learned valuable lessons concerning industry, economy and perseverance, and these have been manifested in his later careful management of business affairs, his keen discernment and executive force. When eighteen years of age he became a coal merchant of Newark, conducting business at the corner of the Square and East Main street, opposite the Warden Hotel, paying four dollars per month rent. His business grew rapidly and he continued in that line until 1888. Ten years before this time he connected his coal office with his coal yard, half a mile away, by telephone and at the same time he placed his first advertisement in the paper, taking a whole page of the Advocate to tell people that for each ton of coal purchased they could talk to him half a mile away over the telephone, for this means of communication was at that time a great novelty, and after the appearance of the advertisement the public lined up on the sidewalk waiting their turn to thus talk to Mr. Weiant. As the years passed his business grew along substantial lines and in 1888 he withdrew from that line and formed a partnership with his brother, Miles A. Weiant, for the manufacture of crackers. In 1890 their business became a branch of the United States Baking Company, and in 1892 the United States Baking Company became a part of the National Biscuit Company, at which time Warren S. Weiant was appointed manager of the Newark branch and still continues in this position. He is a man of resourceful business ability whose efforts have not been limited to one line but have been exercised in various fields of endeavor, and in every instance success has been attained. In 1894 he became associated with several substantial business men of Newark in organizing the first independent telephone company in the United States and in installing a system. Since that time he has been one of its directors, the enterprise becoming a profitable one. For seven years he has been actively engaged in the real-estate business and has contributed materially to the improvement of the city by the erection of forty-two houses on Hudson avenue. For him-

self he built a fine modern residence about four miles east of Newark. His investments and activities along other lines have brought him into close connection with many of the most important business concerns of the city, all of which have benefited by his intense and well directed energy and sound business judgment. He is now the president of the Licking County Building Association; president of the Newark Lumber Company; vice president of the Newark Real Estate & Improvement Company; a director of the Powers-Miller Company; and a director of the New Arcade, having been one of its active promoters.

In 1882 Mr. Weiant was married to Miss Elizabeth Thumm, a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Her father, Charles F. Thumm, was born in Baden Baden, Germany, and left that country at the time Carl Schurz and other eminent Germans sailed for America following the war of 1848, in which they had participated. Four children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Weiant: Carl A., Helen E., Marion T., and Warren S. The eldest is now conducting a greenhouse in this county.

Mr. Weiant is a Mason and has taken high rank in the order, being now a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. Prominent among the business men of Newark he has for years been closely identified with the history of the city as a representative of its commercial and industrial interests. The safe, conservative policy which he has inaugurated in all of his business connections commends itself to the judgment of the public. He has never faltered in the prosecution of a business undertaking, for when one avenue of advance seemed closed he has sought out other paths leading to success.

JOHN McNAMARA.

There is always something inspiring and interesting in the life history of a man who has worked his own way upward, who has bravely fought life's battles and come off victor in the strife. Such is the career of John McNamara, now vice president of the Newark Artificial Stone & Plaster Works. He was born in Dresden, Ohio, on the 3d of June, 1858, and is a son of William McNamara, who died, however, prior to the birth of the subject of this review. The mother passed away when he was but two years of age and he was then taken to the home of Mrs. Mary A. Cox, by whom he was reared until he reached his twenty-first year. His education was necessarily limited, for Mrs. Cox was the owner of a large farm and his services were demanded in the improvement and development of this place.

When he attained his majority Mr. McNamara was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Swope, of Trinway, Ohio, the wedding being celebrated on Christmas day of 1879. He then rented a portion of the Cox farm and started out in agricultural life on his own account, residing there for three years. In the spring of 1883 he removed westward to Macon county, Illinois, where he remained for four years, following farming as a renter. After suffering the loss of his wife he returned to Ohio and for a year worked as a farm hand on the Cox place, after which he took charge of that farm, which he managed for four years. Later he

engaged in teaming in Dresden, continuing in that business for four years and in 1899 he formed a partnership with three others and purchased the Dresden Plaster Mills, which they operated for four years. They then sold the plant and the four partners came to Newark and became members of the newly organized company conducting business under the name of the Newark Artificial Stone & Plaster Works. The company had been organized on the 11th of February of that year and when Mr. McNamara became one of the owners he was selected vice president and still fills the position, giving his undivided attention to the development and control of the business, which is now one of the important industries of the city, furnishing employment to a large force of workmen and sending out an extensive output annually.

On the 18th of January, 1888, Mr. McNamara was again married, his second union being with Miss Lucy J. Swope, a cousin of his first wife. His only child, William, a son of the first marriage, is now in the mill with his father.

In his political views Mr. McNamara is a stalwart republican but has never been an office seeker. However he served as a member of the school board while in Dresden. He belongs to Dresden Lodge, No. 464, K. P., and to the Episcopal church and his influence is always found on the side of right, justice, truth, progress and improvement. His own career has been characterized by steady advancement without assistance from others, the weight of his own character and ability carrying him into important business relations.

W. L. JACKSON, M. D.

Dr. W. L. Jackson, who for nineteen years has been engaged in the practice of medicine and is now one of the successful representatives of the profession in Newark, was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, December 22, 1869, and is a son of Dr. Alpha and Sarah (McCune) Jackson. The father, also a native of Muskingum county, was there reared and after pursuing a literary course took up the study of medicine, being graduated in 1881. He entered upon the active practice of his profession in Otsego, Ohio, but after two years he and his brother, A. L. Jackson, formed a partnership and removed to Adamsville, Ohio, where Dr. Alpha Jackson continued in active practice until he came to Newark about five years prior to his death. There were few men who had more friends in proportion to the number of their acquaintances. He was widely and favorably known not only in Licking but also in Muskingum county and all had a kind word for him, for he possessed a most genial and loving disposition and always met people with a smile. It is said that he often ministered to the sick when his own health was so poor that he could scarcely stand on his feet and that he never turned unheeding from any call of the poor, giving to them his professional service just as freely as if he had expected a substantial remuneration. His life was indeed a useful, honorable and active one and there are many who yet cherish his memory and remember with gratitude his kindness and assistance. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Alpha Jackson there were born seven children who survive the husband and father: Dr. W. L. Jackson, of this review; Mrs. Dora Huffman; Dulcie; Clyde; John C.; Ernst; and Murl.

To his family Dr. Jackson was most devoted, being largely an ideal husband and father who found his greatest happiness in ministering to the comfort and welfare of the members of his own household. He was a believer in the Christian faith and held membership in the Second Methodist Episcopal church. His life, at all times honorable and upright, remains in its influence as an example to all who were associated with him while he was still an active factor in the world's work.

Dr. W. L. Jackson, whose name introduces this record, pursued his education in the Adamsville schools, passing through consecutive grades until he was graduated from the high school with the class of 1887. During that time he took up the study of medicine under the direction of his father and uncle, who were then practicing together in Adamsville. For further training in his chosen life work, in the fall of 1887 he entered the Columbus Medical College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1890. He then located in Jacksontown, Licking county, where he engaged in practice for ten years. He afterward spent a brief period in Zanesville and in 1902 came to Newark, where he has since been located. In the summer of 1908 he pursued a post-graduate course in the Illinois Post Graduate School, taking special work in internal medicine. He has always remained a student of the profession, reading the best medical literature and keeping at all times abreast with the progress that is being made by the members of the medical fraternity. He is accounted one of the skilled practitioners of Newark and enjoys a lucrative practice.

Dr. Jackson is also examiner for the supreme lodge of the Knights of Pythias, having been appointed in December, 1906. He is one of the examining physicians of the Modern Woodmen of America and is a member of Newark Lodge, No. 13, K. P., Williams Lodge, No. 363, I. O. O. F., of Hebron, and Cedar Camp, No. 4727, M. W. A. In politics he is an earnest democrat and served for several years as a member of the school board while in Jacksontown. He belongs also to the United Brethren church and his salient characteristics are those of substantial and honorable manhood, winning him a place in the regard of friends equal to his position in professional circles.

JOSIAH A. RICE.

Josiah A. Rice, who is largely identified with the agricultural and stock-raising interests of Bennington township, Licking county, is a native of Liberty township, where his birth occurred March 24, 1850, and a son of Enoch G. and Martha (Swan) Rice, his father having been born near Cumberland, Maryland, February 22, 1819, and his mother near Moundsville, West Virginia, May 24, 1821. Both families at an early date removed to Greene county, Pennsylvania, and there Enoch G. Rice and Martha Swan were united in marriage February 22, 1844, and in March, 1847, they settled in Liberty township, Licking county. Mr. Rice purchased a small plot of ground, erected a humble dwelling and at once began tilling the soil. His industry, perseverance and economy brought him success and he added to his holdings until he owned five hundred acres of fine

farming land, all of which is highly improved. For ten years preceding his death, which occurred January 3, 1880, Mr. Rice engaged to some extent in the farm implement business, at which he was quite successful. His wife departed this life April 29, 1899.

On his father's farm Josiah A. Rice was reared, attending the farm duties in summer months and in the winter acquiring his education at the district schools, and having completed his studies he remained on the home farm, of which he assumed management some years before the death of his father. He inherited the industry, thrift and honesty of his parents and at the same time, being very economical, he laid by the most of his earnings and in 1883 purchased his present farm in this township, where he has since resided. He owns two hundred and ninety-two acres, provided with a modern residence, barns and outbuildings. The fields are well fenced and the land is tilled and his farm is accounted one of the best and most desirable in the county. Everything about the premises bears evidence of thrift and intelligent management and leaves upon the onlooker the impress of signal prosperity. To some extent he engages in stock-raising and has a number of head of good horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. In addition to his farm he has laid by a considerable amount of money.

On September 25, 1880, Mr. Rice was united in marriage to Miss Ida Limming, daughter of Alfred and Matilda (Gosnell) Limming, and to this union was born one son, Dennis G., who is in his twenty-fifth year and who, in addition to having attended the district schools, was also given the advantage of a course in the Johnstown high school, from which he graduated in the class of 1905, and a course in the Newark Business College, having completed his studies in that institution in 1906. He remained at home with his parents and assists in the general management of their affairs.

Mr. Rice is a democrat in politics and is always ready to uphold the principles of his party with his vote and influence. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which he has belonged since nineteen years of age, while his wife is affiliated with the denomination known as Christians, both being zealous workers in the church and Sunday school. Mr. Rice is always ready to support measures which have in view public improvements and he is particularly interested in good roads and an excellent school system, having done much toward bringing the latter up to its present high standing. He is one of the most aggressive citizens of the township, is a congenial neighbor and his home is one of the most hospitable in the countryside.

MATTHEW T. THARP.

Among those who have always lived in this county and are now known as the most prosperous farmers and successful breeders of fine stock in Liberty township, is Matthew T. Tharp, whose birth occurred in St. Albans township June 21, 1856. He is a son of Edwin and Sarah (Porter) Tharp, both natives of this county, his father having tilled the soil until the fall of the year 1875 when he departed this life, his wife surviving him twenty-three years. He was a man well known throughout the county both for his industry and sterling character.

Matthew T. Tharp was reared on his father's farm and there was nothing unusual transpired during his boyhood and youth, as he passed through the experiences common to the country lad, engaging in agricultural duties during the summer months and attending the district schools during the winter season. He remained on the home farm until his marriage, when he located on a tract of land he now has under cultivation, it being part of the Snider farm upon which he has since resided. He engages in producing general crops and pays some attention to the breeding of cattle, sheep and hogs, handling only graded stock in his buying, feeding and shipping business.

On November 14, 1893, Mr. Tharp wedded Miss Emma E. Snider, daughter of John and Sarah A. (Miller) Snider, her father having come from the state of Virginia when a lad, while her mother was a native of Perry county, this state. Mr. Snider departed this life November 1, 1879, his wife surviving him eighteen years, her death occurring October 21, 1897.

Mr. Tharp gives his political support to the democratic party and, although he does not take an active interest in party affairs, he keeps abreast with the times as to the paramount issues of the day and regularly casts his vote for the candidates of his party. He is a very useful man in the township and has served as supervisor of roads and is now performing the duties of township constable. He is a member and liberal supporter of the Congregational church, is one of the most active church workers in the vicinity, has been a Sunday school teacher for a number of years and also organist of the church.

J. B. ANDERSON.

J. B. Anderson is the owner of eighty-three acres of land in Perry township and his entire time and attention are given to the cultivation of this tract. He is a native son of the Buckeye state, his birth having occurred in Coshocton county, July 12, 1841, he being the sixth in order of birth in a family of seven children born of the marriage of William and Maria (Riley) Anderson, who were likewise natives of Ohio. Both died in Coshocton county. The record of their family is as follows: George, who resides in Muskingum county, Ohio; Mary J., deceased; Isaac, who makes his home in Coshocton; John, who has departed this life; William, also a resident of Coshocton county; J. B., of this review; and Sarah, the wife of John Crawford.

J. B. Anderson spent the period of his boyhood and youth in much the usual manner of his associates of that period. He assisted his father in the work of the home farm in the spring and summer months, while a few months in the winter were devoted to the acquirement of an education in the district schools. He remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority, which was about the time of the Civil war, and in 1862 he enlisted for service, becoming a member of Company A, Seventy-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of hostilities. During this interim he took part in many of the most important and hard fought battles of the war, including Vicksburg, Ringgold and Arkansas Post and he was also with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea.

During his long service he was fortunate in that he was never wounded. He was discharged at Louisville, Kentucky, after which he returned to his home in Coshocton county and worked for his father on the farm during the succeeding two years.

On the expiration of that period Mr. Anderson established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Margaret E. Philips, who was born in Coshocton county, in 1852, one of eight children, whose parents were Isaac and Charlotta (Moore) Philips, both of whom are now deceased.

Following his marriage Mr. Anderson located on a rented farm, which he operated for four years, subsequent to which time he purchased a tract of land in Coshocton county, on which he made his home for a similar period. He then disposed of that property and invested his money in his present tract, comprising eighty-three acres in Perry township, Licking county. He has made some improvements on the place, thereby making it a valuable farm property, while the fields annually yield rich harvests, owing to the care and labor he gives to the soil.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson has been blessed with a daughter and son: Cora, the wife of R. Rhyme, a resident of Coshocton county, this state; and William, who makes his home in Newark. Mr. Anderson advocates the principles of the republican party and has served as township trustee and as a member of the school board. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Disciples church, while his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. Both are people of the highest respectability and worth in their home locality, where they have many friends.

R. S. WYETH.

R. S. Wyeth who, in his business career has persevered in the pursuit of a persistent purpose and gained a most satisfactory reward, is numbered among the leading manufacturers of Newark, being now general manager of an extensive wagon-manufacturing enterprise. Newark numbers him among her native sons who have won success. His birth occurred in this city, October 5, 1877, his parents being A. G. and Emma P. (Stranghan) Wyeth. The father was born in McKean township, this county, and was the son of David Wyeth. The ancestral history of the family shows that there were two branches founded in America in pioneer times, one being established in Virginia and the other in Massachusetts. George Wyeth, who was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, belonged to the Virginia branch while A. G. Wyeth was descended from the Massachusetts branch. His father was born in Massachusetts and having arrived to years of maturity wedded Sallie Kellogg, also a native of the old Bay state. In 1838 they came to Licking county, traveling by stage to Albany, thence by the Erie Canal to Buffalo, by scow to Cleveland and to Newark by canal packet, the boat tying up at Warner's warehouse on the 12th of June. The city was at that time a small village of little commercial or industrial importance, and the county was but sparsely settled. David Wyeth and his family located in McKean township where he joined his two brothers, Parker J. and Nathan Wyeth, who had arrived here

the previous year. Turning his attention to farming, David Wyeth continued to carry on general agricultural pursuits for a long period, living in the county until his death which occurred when he was eighty-two years of age. His wife survived until June, 1892.

Their son, A. G. Wyeth, was born and reared on the old home farm and on leaving the district schools continued his education in Oberlin College after the war. In 1861 he had responded to the country's call for aid, joining the Seventy-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for a year and a half. He was with the regiment in all of its engagements during that time, and with a creditable military record returned to his home. Following the completion of his college course he remained on the farm for some time, and in 1870 came to Newark, believing that he would find business conditions in the city more favorable for the attainment of success. Here he began the manufacture of wagons in 1884, and has continued the business to the present time, its growth being the result of his keen administration and careful management. It is today an important industrial concern of the city and aside from his connection therewith Mr. Wyeth has been president of the Park National Bank since 1907. He belongs to Lemert Post, G. A. R., and is prominent and progressive in all matters of citizenship. In 1876 he married Emma P. Stranghan, a native of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and they became parents of two sons, the younger being Harvey Wyeth who died April 13, 1907, at the age of twenty-four years.

The elder son, Ralph S. Wyeth, whose name introduces this review, attained his education in the Newark schools until he had completed the high school course, and then joined his father in the manufacturing business at the age of sixteen years. Parental influence was not executed to make business life easy for him. On the contrary he resolutely set to work to learn the business in principle and detail and has advanced by reason of his own merit and capability, his duties and responsibilities being increased from time to time until he is now the general manager of the business. His previous thorough training and experience well qualify him for the onerous work that now devolves upon him. He has gained recognition as one of the representative young business men of the city, enjoying the full confidence of his colleagues and associates.

R. S. Wyeth was married in March, 1906, to Miss Alice McCune, the daughter of J. P. McCune, a hardware merchant now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Wyeth hold membership in the Presbyterian church, are prominent in the social circles of the city, while the hospitality of the best homes of Newark is cordially extended to them.

ROBERT L. PATTON.

On the list of well known and representative business men in Johnstown appears the name of Robert L. Patton, who is now conducting a real-estate and insurance agency, in which connection he has secured a good clientage. He was born May 27, 1868, in Bennington township, and is a son of Robert E. and Cornelia D. (Crysler) Patton, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of the

state of New York. The father came to Ohio with his parents, John and Elizabeth Patton, in 1833 and settled in Bennington township. The grandfather was a cooper by trade but on coming to Ohio established his home in Licking county and gave the greater part of his attention to general agricultural pursuits. His son, Robert E. Patton, also followed the occupation as a life work, prospered in his undertakings and became a prominent farmer. He was also a man of influence in Bennington township, where he continued to reside until called to his final rest. In community affairs he took an active and helpful interest and was a life-long democrat in his political belief. He died February 28, 1896, while his wife survived until the 2d of October, 1905. In their family were six children. The eldest, John S. Patton, enlisted for service in the Civil war at the first call for troops in 1861, becoming a member of Company H, Seventy-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. On the expiration of his first term he reenlisted and was killed in the battle of Resaca, Georgia, May 12, 1864, when only twenty years of age. Joseph T., the second of the family, is deceased. Mary is now the wife of Peter Dumbaule. Parker E. is the next of the family. Fanny E. is deceased.

Robert L. Patton, who completes the family, was reared to early manhood on his father's farm, assisting in the general work of tilling the soil and cultivating the fields. He was educated in the common country schools and worked at the plow when not busy with his text-books. He early learned the force and value of unremitting industry and energy and as the years passed carried forward his labors until they wrought for him gratifying success.

About the time that he started out in life on his own account Mr. Patton was married, the wedding being celebrated on the 20th of February, 1889, when Miss Jessie McClintock became his wife. She is a daughter of William W. and Margaret (Larue) McClintock, residents of Burlington township, her father being one of the prominent farmers of that locality. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Patton have been born two daughters and a son, Gladys M., Ford L. and Esther M.

Following his marriage Mr. Patton began farming and carried on general agricultural pursuits for five years in Bennington and Liberty townships. At length, however, he determined to withdraw from general agricultural lines and in 1894 removed to Johnstown, where he has since been engaged in the general insurance and real-estate business, writing most of the insurance placed in Johnstown and the surrounding country. He also has a large business in buying and selling real-estate, has handled much valuable property and has thoroughly informed himself concerning the realty which is on the market. He is also active in public matters and is a persistent and effective advocate of good roads and other public improvements. As a member of the school board his efforts have always been put forth to secure the best teachers and to raise the standard of public instruction and through his labors much good has been accomplished in this direction. Today the schools of Johnstown are equal to any in the state. Mr. Patton believes that the school system is the foundation of our civilization and should have the best service of the best minds. In politics he has always been an enthusiastic and earnest democrat and has been urged several times to become the party candidate for various high offices. Only recently was he assured of the nomination for sheriff of the county, which would have been equivalent to election, but private business so demanded his time and energies that he could not decide

to make the sacrifice of his interests to accept public office. He is popular with all classes and could undoubtedly have been elected had he accepted the nomination. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, belonging to Johnstown Lodge, No. 326, A. F. & A. M., and to the Royal Arch Chapter at Newark. He is also a member of the Newark lodge of Elks, Johnstown Lodge, No. 308, K. P., and Johnstown Lodge, I. O. O. F. He is likewise a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church. An active, wide-awake citizen, standing high in the estimation of the community in which he lives, he well deserves representation in this volume. He has a forty-acre farm and beautiful home just at the edge of Johnstown, where he indulges his taste for fine horses, keeping a number of good specimens of the noble steed. There he also enjoys an ideal home life with an interesting family.

FREDERICK M. BLACK.

Mr. Frederick M. Black, one of Newark's native sons, was born April 16, 1871, his parents being Dr. James B. and Annie E. (Dille) Black. The father was a native of Lanark, Scotland, and came to America about 1841, settling in Brownsville, Ohio. He continued his education in Denison University at Granville, Ohio, and was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York city. He then began practice in Linville, Licking county, and afterward removed to Hebron where he was living at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war. In the meantime, however, he had gone to California by way of the isthmus of Panama, attracted by the gold discoveries in 1849. While there he became ill with yellow fever and this left him partially deaf. He never fully recovered his hearing and this caused him to refuse several offers of professorship in medical colleges. Following his return from California he devoted his attention to the practice of medicine and surgery until the Civil war was begun, when he offered his services to the government and became surgeon of the One Hundred and Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He afterward was made medical director of the brigade and served on the staff of General Granger. Because of illness his military service was ended after one year in the field and the disease then contracted ultimately proved the cause of his death. He did effective and valuable work while at the front, however, including the organization of the hospital service through the Army of the Tennessee. On his return from the south he resumed the practice of his profession in Newark and became one of the prominent members of the medical fraternity in this part of the state. He was an extensive and well known writer on medical subjects, making frequent contributions to medical journals in both America and England. He also wrote a number of articles for the Popular Science Monthly and was the author of a volume entitled *Ten Laws of Health*, published by Scribner. His life was therefore one of much usefulness as well as intense activity and his death brought a sense of personal bereavement to many when he passed away in Newark in 1895. Mrs. Black still survives and resides in this city of which she is a native. Her father, Israel Dille, was the first mayor of Newark and was prominently connected with the improvement of the city at an early date, planting the trees in

the courthouse yard and doing much to promote substantial development. He was greatly interested in the Mary Ann furnace and invested most of his fortune in the building of the Sandusky, Mansfield & Newark Railroad which ultimately ruined him financially. At one time he had a magnificent home in the north part of Newark and practically owned that district of the city. He was a lawyer by profession and his ability gained him a satisfactory clientage.

Frederick M. Black pursued his college course at Cornell where he was graduated in 1892 with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. Determined upon the practice of law as a life work, he began studying in the office of Kibler & Kibler of Newark and was admitted to the bar in 1894 since which time he has been engaged in active practice here. He has always prepared his cases with great thoroughness and care and in the courtroom his logical deductions have never failed to impress those who have heard him. He served as city solicitor from 1895 until 1897 and at the present writing is referee in bankruptcy under the United States courts.

On the 2d of July, 1895, Mr. Black was married to Miss Alice Hinkley of Portland, Maine, and their home is attractive by reason of its warm-hearted and cordial hospitality. They attend the Episcopal church and Mr. Black belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Delta Kappa Epsilon. He is also a member of the Licking County Bar Association and the profession as well as the general public accord his ability.

PETER COOPERRIDER.

Peter Cooperrider, who for many years has been giving his time and attention to general farming and stock-raising in Glenford township, is a native of Bowling Green township, having been born on the farm on which he now resides, February 25, 1831. He is a son of Peter and Hannah Cooperrider. His father, a native of the Keystone state, came to this county in the early days with his parents, who located in Bowling Green township, near the Perry county line. There he was reared and received his education in the district schools and spent the remainder of his life in the duties of agriculture. He was known throughout the county as an honest, upright and enterprising man and at his death he was interred in the Southern cemetery in Perry county. The family is originally of Dutch stock and he inherited all the noble qualities generally inherent in the members of that race. His wife was also a native of Pennsylvania, but was married in this county. She became the mother of nine children, namely: Mary, Margaret, Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, Jacob, Samuel and David, all of whom are deceased; and Peter.

Peter Cooperrider acquired his education in his native township in a log schoolhouse. Upon completing his studies he remained at home, assisting in the duties of the farm, and when his father passed away he assumed the entire management of the farm. He has always been connected with the old home place, to which he has given his best energies and on which he has labored with splendid success. The farm consists of one hundred and sixty acres of land, all of which is in excellent condition to produce the finest crops. It is supplied with a com-

fortable residence, a large barn, all the necessary outbuildings and also a full equipment of modern farm machinery. He raises hay and grain, also paying some attention to raising and feeding the best breeds of cattle.

Mr. Cooperrider, in the year 1853, wedded Miss Eliza Jane Orr, to which union were born the following children, namely: Mary Ellen and Elizabeth, deceased; Emma Jane, wife of Robert Barnes, a farmer of Hopewell township; Samuel, who assists his father on the farm; Owen, who follows farming in Bowling Green township; Homer, who is engaged in the same occupation there; and Austin, also an agriculturist of Bowling Green township. Mrs. Cooperrider departed this life some time ago. The democratic party has always claimed the vote and influence of Mr. Cooperrider and he adheres strictly to its principles. He has served the township as trustee and road supervisor. He is a man of high moral character and attainments, who has always been faithful to his religious obligations and is a member of the Lutheran church.

GEORGE ROSS HACKNEY.

One of the most important industries of Newark is that which is operating under the name of the Newark Artificial Stone & Plaster Company, of which Mr. Hackney is now assistant secretary. In this field of endeavor he has gradually worked his way upward, thoroughly mastering the business in principle and detail until today his position is one of responsibility, the duties of which he discharges with capability and promptness. He was born in Madison township, Muskingum county, Ohio, October 6, 1875, and is a son of George W. and Margaret (Griffin) Hackney. The father, a veteran of the Civil war, served as a member of Company F, Sixty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, enlisting from Muskingum county. He was badly wounded at Darbytown Road in 1863. While in the act of firing his gun a minie ball passed through his right hand, continuing on through his left elbow, shattering the arm, while another ball passed through and crushed his right hip, also affecting his spinal cord. This rendered him badly crippled but in course of time he recovered somewhat from his injuries and took up the work of life. Although never able to do much manual labor, he operated a farm in Muskingum county until 1894, when he retired and removed to Dresden, where he resided until the 1st of May, 1904. He then came to Newark, where he now makes his home. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Baptist church, while his political allegiance is given to the republican party.

Upon the old home farm George Ross Hackney was reared, there remaining until his father's removal to Dresden, which occurred when he was about nineteen years of age. He then started out for himself and for some months was variously employed. In the following fall, however, he secured a situation in the brick and tile yards at Dresden, where he remained for three years and during that time he rose from the humblest position, that of wheeling clay, to the important one of burning the brick and tile. He was afterward employed for a short time on a work train on the railroad, while subsequently he secured a situation at the plaster works of J. M. Black. He began there as a common laborer but within six months

was made foreman of the plant and continued in that capacity until October, 1899, at which time the plant changed hands. Mr. Hackney then remained with Mr. Black's successor as foreman for a year, after which he purchased an interest in the business and was made superintendent of the plant, in which capacity he remained until the sale of the business in 1904. In that year he and his partners came to Newark and entered the Newark Artificial Stone & Plaster Company, of which Mr. Hackney is now a stockholder and the assistant secretary. This is a well developed industry, having large and profitable sales and an extensive output.

On the 18th of June, 1905, Mr. Hackney was married to Miss Gertrude Krauss, of Coshocton, Ohio, and they have won many friends in the social circles of this city. In politics Mr. Hackney is a stalwart republican and in Dresden served as village treasurer. He is a member of Dresden Lodge, No. 464, K. P. In Newark he is recognized as one of the energetic, reliable young business men and manufacturers and he certainly deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, as his advancement has come to him solely through his own efforts.

EDWARD D. HAMILTON.

Edward D. Hamilton, who is numbered among the substantial and prosperous agriculturists of Newton township, was born in this county, October 1, 1857, son of David and Mary J. (Shaffer) Hamilton. His mother was also a native of this county, while his father was born near Dayton, Ohio. He departed this life in the year 1893 and his wife survived him by ten years, dying in September, 1903. They were the parents of three children, namely: Albert J.; O. C., who resides in Denver, Colorado; and Edward D.

Edward D. Hamilton remained at his parental home until he had attained the age of maturity, in the meantime having acquired his education in the district schools and assisted in the labors of the farm. Upon leaving home he engaged for one year as a farm hand and for two years worked as a member of a crew who were constructing a telegraph line. The latter occupation he followed for a period of two years when he returned to the old homestead and assumed charge of the farm. He at once applied himself energetically to his business and by the year 1905 had derived sufficient profit from his labors to enable him to purchase the farm which embraces forty acres of excellent land. He held it under cultivation for three years when he disposed of the property and purchased a tract of one hundred and thirty acres which, after having cultivated for a time, he traded for city property in Newark, to which place he removed. However, becoming weary of city life, he traded his city holdings for the farm of one hundred acres, which he now has under cultivation.

In 1903 Mr. Hamilton wedded Miss Virgie Moler, a native of Fairfield county, and daughter of William and Charity Moler, who are now residents of Newark, Ohio. Mrs. Virgie (Moler) Hamilton is one of a family of twelve children. The couple are comfortably situated on their farm which Mr. Hamilton keeps in a high state of cultivation and in the development of which he employs all the conveniences of modern machinery and methods. He engages in general

agriculture, producing the various kinds of grain and pays some attention to feeding stock. He takes considerable interest in politics as a republican and is an enthusiastic worker during political campaigns in order to secure the election of its candidates. His political convictions are the result of candid investigation which has brought him to the belief that the principles of the republican party, if put into practice throughout the country, will assure the nation its financial balance and permanent prosperity. He is respected as one of the substantial citizens and has served two years as township assessor and has also been a member of the school board. He belongs to Lodge No. 4727, of the Modern Woodmen of America.

JONATHAN TAVENNER.

Jonathan Tavenner, a veteran of the Civil war, who for many years has been identified with the farming and stock-raising interests of Newark township, was born in Franklin township, October 23, 1838, a son of George W. and Leah (Ewert) Tavenner. His father, a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, came to this county in the year 1836, locating in Franklin township, where he lived until the time of his death in 1858. Throughout his life he followed the occupation of farming and at the same time, being a carpenter, plied that trade to a considerable extent. In politics he was an old-time whig and later a republican. The grandfather came to this county late in life and afterward removed to Jackson-town, Ohio, where he departed this life. Mrs. Leah (Ewert) Tavenner was united in marriage in Loudoun county, Virginia, and removed to this county with her husband, where she passed away in the year 1884. They were the parents of the following children: Mary, wife of David Venner, of Franklin township; Jonathan, an agriculturist of the same township; Catherine, who wedded Peter McKnight Fanes, residing in Madison township; Sarah, wife of William Thompson, of this place; Josephine, widow of Henry Parr, who for many years followed agricultural pursuits in Franklin township; Thomas, deceased; George, a farmer of Eden township; Jennie, wife of James Foster, of this place; Louisa, who was united in marriage with Sylvester Sampson, of Hanover township; Amanda, deceased; and B. E. Two children died in infancy.

In the district schools of Franklin township Jonathan Tavenner received his education, after which he remained at home and engaged in the daily routine of farm life until December, 1861, when he enlisted in Company D, Seventy-sixth Ohio Infantry, for a three years' service. However, he was honorably discharged two years later but reenlisted in the same company and served until August 15, 1865, having been in the ranks throughout the entire conflict. Mr. Tavenner was actively engaged in many battles in one of which he was slightly wounded. When he enlisted in the service it was as a private soldier but owing to his bravery he was later promoted to sergeant, which rank he held until he received an honorable discharge at the close of the war. Mr. Tavenner takes pride in recalling the fact that he never missed a day's duty but was actively engaged from the time he enlisted until the day of his discharge. Among the important battles in which

he took part are Pittsburg Landing, Vicksburg, Fort Donelson, Corinth, Arkansas Post, Millikens Bend, Jackson, Mississippi, Big Shanty, Chickamauga, Ringgold, Resaca, Savannah, Bentonville, North Carolina, as well as in a number of skirmishes. Mr. Tavenner was also among the number who fought under General Hooker at Lookout Mountain and his recollections of this battle above the clouds are very vivid and it is justly with a measure of pride that he delights in calling to memory this celebrated engagement. After the war he located in Franklin township, where he has since been engaged in farming, having forty acres of excellent hill land, the soil of which is very rich and productive.

In 1869 Mr. Tavenner wedded Miss Mary Fry, a resident of this township and the couple are the parents of the following children: Cora B.; Melvin, a machinist; Olive, wife of Henry Brown, a farmer of Licking township; Charles C., who follows farming; David, who is engaged in the same pursuit; Loton; and Maud. The wife and mother departed this life in 1907 and was interred in the burial ground of the Southern church of this township. Mr. Tavenner gives his political support to the republican party, is a member of the Union Veteran Legion and is a faithful worshiper at the Southern church.

J. G. SHIRER, M. D.

The causes which lead to success in the practice of medicine are not different from those which win prosperity in commercial lines. The same unfaltering industry and close application are demanded in the one case as in the other, and that Dr. Shirer has worked along those lines is indicated by the success which he has attained. Born in Coshocton county October 6, 1872, he is a son of W. S. Shirer, a native of Adamsville, Ohio, who, in his youth, removed to Coshocton and now lives in Newark. The mother, Cidna S. (Decker) Shirer, also a native of Ohio, still survives.

Dr. Shirer completed the high school course in Adamsville as a member of the graduating class of 1891, and later attended the normal school. His maternal grandfather, Dr. Henry Decker, was a practicing physician in Adamsville and Coshocton for fifty-six years, and through his influence the subject of this review took up the study of medicine, pursuing several courses of lectures in the Starling Medical College, of Columbus, from which he was graduated in 1896. He commenced practice in Cardington, Morrow county, where he continued for two years and then located in Otsego, Ohio, where he remained for six years, coming thence to Newark. He was alone in practice here until 1906, when he formed a partnership with B. Frank Barnes, M. D. He is also engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery and is surgeon for the Baltimore & Ohio and the Ohio Electric Railway Companies and for the Wehrle Stove Company. He belongs to the Ohio State Medical Society and to the American Medical Association, and is now treasurer of the Licking County Medical Society. Aside from his private practice he is acting as examiner for the Massachusetts Mutual, the Midland Mutual, the Manhattan Life, the Kansas City Mutual and other insurance companies. Interested in the progress that is being continuously made in the science of medicine,

he has supplemented his early training by a course in the Post Graduate College of New York. While he is preeminently a physician, devoting the greater part of his time and energy to his labors in that line, he has also become interested in financial and commercial enterprises, is a director and was one of the organizers of the Otsego Gas & Oil Company and is the president of the Blue Rock Gas & Oil Company.

In 1896 Dr. Shirer was married to Miss Laura A. Waters, a daughter of Dr. W. C. Waters, a well known physician of Zanesville, Ohio, who is prominent in political as well as professional circles, serving now as alderman of the third ward of his city. Dr. Shirer belongs to Newark Lodge, No. 97, A. F. & A. M.; Rowland Lodge, No. 305, K. P.; Newark Lodge, No. 391, B. P. O. E.; Munificent Lodge of Camels; Octagon Tent, No. 132, K. M.; Newark Court of Honor; and the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. He likewise belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, and the principles which have actuated his life are those which govern honorable, upright manhood. His interests are thoroughly identified with those of Newark, and at all times he is ready to lend his aid and cooperation to any movement calculated to benefit this section of the country or advance its substantial development.

TITUS HILL HANKINSON.

Titus Hill Hankinson, who in his business career has worked his way upward, overcoming many obstacles and difficulties, is now numbered among the prosperous farmers of McKean township and that he enjoys the confidence of his fellow citizens is indicated in the fact that he is now serving as township trustee. He is one of Licking county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Newton township, June 23, 1860, his parents being Simeon and Susanna (Colingham) Hankinson, both of whom were natives of New Jersey. The mother's parents died when she was very young and she was reared by other families and when in early womanhood went with a family to Perry county, Ohio. There had been warm friendship between her and Simeon Hankinson in New Jersey and a year after she came to this state Mr. Hankinson followed her and they were married. In 1856 they removed to Licking county, settling in Newton township just east of St. Louisville, where Mr. Hankinson carried on agricultural pursuits up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1888. His wife survived him four years and passed away in 1892.

After acquiring his preliminary education in the common schools Titus H. Hankinson attended the Harris Normal School and at twenty-one years of age began teaching, which profession he followed through four winter seasons, while in the summer months he worked upon the home farm. In company with a brother he also owned and operated a threshing machine but in 1888 sold his interest in the thresher and began operating a farm on the shares. A year later he hired out as a farm hand, working for Mrs. Jerusha Gibson, in whose employ he remained for two years and eight months. He then removed to Granville township, where he cultivated a farm on shares of one-third, the owner furnishing

everything. A year later Mr. Hankinson bought a team and rented a tract of land. For a year he farmed in McKean township and in 1899 purchased his present place, comprising one hundred and fourteen acres, to which he removed. It has since been his home and with characteristic energy he has continued its cultivation and improvement, making it a valuable farm property well equipped with the accessories and conveniences common at the present day. He raises the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and as the result of his energy annually gathers good crops.

In 1886 Mr. Hankinson was married to Miss Ellen Gertrude Nash, of McKean township, and unto them have been born seven children: Ada Blanche, a teacher in the public school in Granville township; Bessie May, who follows the profession of teaching in McKean township; Mary, a student in the Utica high school; Raymond, Earl Delbert, Dale and Clarence William, all at home.

In his political views Mr. Hankinson is an earnest republican, believing that the principles of the party are most conducive to good government and therefore giving to it his loyal support. In the fall of 1907 his fellow townsmen, appreciating his worth and ability, elected him to the office of township trustee and prior to this time he served for two terms as assessor, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity. He is a member of Cedar Camp, No. 4727, M. W. A., of Newark, and the guiding principles of his life are indicated in the fact that he is a member of the Welsh Hill Baptist church. He is today numbered among the representative and valued citizens of McKean township, his life record being most commendable in that he has wrought out his own success and gained his present prosperity by honorable methods.

CHARLES R. HARTSHORN.

Charles R. Hartshorn, owning and cultivating a valuable farm of one hundred and seventy-three acres in Newark township, was born on this place on the 26th of September, 1852, his parents being Jacob and Martha (Fulton) Hartshorn. Jacob Hartshorn, whose birth occurred in Belmont county, Ohio, January 1, 1810, was thrown upon his own resources in early life, for his father, who went to the front at the time of the war of 1812, was never again heard from, having probably been killed in battle. In the early '20s he made his way to Licking county and worked on the canal, while about 1840 he bought the farm on which our subject now resides and which has since remained the old family homestead. His original purchase, which was all covered with timber except two small fields, comprised eighty-three acres but as the years passed and he prospered in his undertakings, he gradually added to his holdings until at the time of his death he owned two hundred and fifty acres of rich and productive land. Throughout his active business career he followed agricultural pursuits with gratifying success and likewise became the owner of city real-estate, being numbered among the substantial and prominent early settlers of the community. Politically he was a staunch republican and capably served his fellow townsmen in the position of trustee as well as in various minor offices. In religious faith he was a Methodist and assisted in

building the church of that denomination in his home locality. His demise, which occurred in Licking county on the 17th of April, 1891, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for his many excellent traits of character had gained him the warm esteem and regard of all with whom he came in contact. His wife, whose birth occurred at Martinsburg, West Virginia, January 13, 1815, and who was brought to this county by her father, Robert Fulton, passed away in 1887. Unto this worthy couple were born four children, namely: Martin D., who served as a soldier in the Civil war and is now a resident of Newark township; John F., who is engaged in the real-estate and insurance business in Newark; Mary J., the wife of George A. Ball, of Newark; and Charles R., of this review.

The last named has always remained on the farm on which his birth occurred and has been engaged in general agricultural pursuits as a life work, though in early manhood he also taught in the district school during five winter terms. As before stated, his farm comprises one hundred and seventy-three acres in Newark township and in addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, he makes a pecialty of raising shorthorn cattle, both branches of his business returning to him a gratifying annual income.

In 1876 Mr. Hartshorn was united in marriage to Miss Laura Glick, a native of Granville township and a daughter of George and Rosella (Caldwell) Glick, both of whom were born in Ohio. Hugh Caldwell, great-grandfather of Mrs. Hartshorn, participated in the Revolutionary war and in 1814 made his way from Pennsylvania to this state, passing away shortly after his arrival here. A widow and ten children were left to mourn his death. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hartshorn have been born six children: J. Walter, a practicing dentist of Toledo; William G., who conducts a theater and skating rink in Steubenville; and Harold, Eugene, Martha and Guy, all at home.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Hartshorn has given his political allegiance to the republican party and has served as a member of the township board of education for more than thirty years, having also acted as president of the board. His wife and children are devoted and faithful members of the Baptist church of Newark and, like the husband and father, are well and favorably known throughout the community. A man of integrity and worth, he has the confidence and esteem of those with whom he has been associated and well deserves mention in this volume as a worthy native son of Licking county.

JOHN PARKER.

John Parker is now living largely retired in Newark but for many years was actively and closely associated with agricultural and stock-raising interests. He started out in life empty-handed, early learning the value of unremitting diligence and determination, and by means of his unfailing industry has attained the substantial place which he now occupies as one of the men of affluence in Licking county. He was born in Mary Ann township, Licking county, March 15, 1852. His father, William H. Parker, was a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, born in December, 1821, and when six years of age he accompanied his parents to Lick-

ing county, Ohio. He was a son of Farling B. Parker, who arrived in this state during the pioneer epoch in its history and entered from the government the northeast quarter of section 14, in Mary Ann township. There in the midst of the green woods he built a log cabin, cleared his land and also built and operated one of the first sawmills in this section. He was a blacksmith by trade and conducted a blacksmith shop for a number of years, being said to be one of the best workmen in that line ever in the county. He also made axes and edged tools and understood the tempering of steel as only a few smiths at the present time understand it. His business ability in various lines made him one of the best known men in this section of the county and all respected him for his personal worth as well as his business achievements. He was one of the active spirits in the early development of the county and did much to further its material welfare and progress. He died at the age of fifty-two years, having borne his full share in the work of public improvement.

His son, William H. Parker, was reared on the frontier and shared with the family in all of the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life. There were few comforts in the little log cabin and much hard labor was required to develop and improve the farm as well as to carry on the other business interests with which the father was connected. On reaching manhood William H. Parker operated the old water-power mill for about twenty-five years, when it passed into other hands. His entire life was passed in Mary Ann township, his last years being spent in a house on his son's farm, where he died at the age of eighty-five years, passing away in May, 1906. In early manhood he wedded Miss Ruth McVey, who was born in Pennsylvania and was a daughter of John McVey, one of the early settlers of Washington township, Licking county, Ohio. She died in 1881, at the age of fifty-eight years.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for John Parker in the days of his boyhood and youth. He acquired his education in the common schools and at the age of eighteen years started out to earn his own living. For three years he worked as a farm hand and then, desirous of establishing a home of his own, he was married, on the 20th of January, 1874, to Miss Amy R. Evans, a daughter of Felix D. Evans, of Newton township. Following his marriage he began cultivating a farm belonging to his wife's grandfather, having charge thereof for two years. He then removed to the farm which he now owns, cultivating the place as a renter for three years. Later his wife died and he broke up housekeeping, after which he again worked as a farm hand. Two years later, however, he married Miss Susan M. Wince, of Fallsbury township, a daughter of Henry Wince, now deceased, who came to Licking county from Virginia, his native state. For a year following his second marriage Mr. Parker continued to work for his former employer and in 1881 he again rented the farm which he now owns. Three years later Mr. English, who owned the property, died, and Mr. Parker purchased a portion of the farm and as the years rolled by and he prospered, he added to the place from time to time until he came into possession of the entire property. The farm today comprises two hundred three and a half acres and is one of the well improved properties of the county, equipped with good buildings, the latest improved machinery and other modern accessories. The fields are well tilled, good stock is raised and everything about the farm is indic-

ative of the well directed labor and careful management of the owner. He is wholly a self-made man, having started out in life as a poor boy, dependent not only upon his own resources but also aiding in the support of his father's family. He was ambitious, however, and with a will to dare and to do he has continued to work indefatigably until he has become one of the prosperous agriculturists of Licking county. While he has given his attention to diversified farming for twenty years, he was also for a considerable period largely engaged in the raising of hogs and in fact was one of the most extensive hog raisers of the county, meeting with gratifying success in that undertaking.

By his first marriage Mr. Parker had one child, Cora E., now the wife of J. K. Mount, of Fallsbury township. The children of the second marriage are: Theodore and William A., who operate the home farm; and J. Rollen and Melvin, who are still under the parental roof.

In the spring of 1908 Mr. Parker left the farm and removed to Newark, while his two elder sons assumed the management and operation of the old home place. He, however, retains his stock interests on the farm and is now running some two hundred head of sheep as well as hogs, horses and cattle. His business interests have brought him a substantial return and his property gives him a very satisfactory annual income.

In community affairs Mr. Parker has taken a deep and helpful interest. He has served as a member of the township board of trustees for several years, was also a member of the school board for several years. He gives his political allegiance to the democracy and is an active and helpful member of the Christian church, who has served almost continuously on its official board for the past thirty-five years. Its teachings have been the guiding rule of his life and in all his business, social and political relations he has been honorable and upright, adhering to straightforward, manly principles.

JOHN COURSEN.

Mr. Coursen descends from a family which has been identified with the agricultural interests of the state of Ohio for many years and which is not only worthy of note in this line but which also deserves special mention inasmuch as it dates its history prior to the Revolutionary days and records the names of some of its members as having participated in the war for American independence. The family is originally of Holland-Dutch descent and the great-grandfather of Mr. Coursen was a soldier in the Colonial army. His grandfather, Isaac Coursen, a native of New Jersey, at a very early date migrated to the state of Pennsylvania and later located in this county. While a resident of Pennsylvania he made a trip in a flatboat on which he had a cargo of flour, pork and whisky, propelling it by means of a pole all the way to New Orleans. This was a long and wearisome journey and as it was taken during the season when the water is low in the Ohio river there was little current to run the boat and it was with difficulty that it could be forced down the river. On this trip he was accompanied by three companions and when they landed in New Orleans they not only sold their cargo,

from which they derived a handsome sum, and as it was impossible to bring back the boat they disposed of it also. In those days there were very few steamers plying the Mississippi and Ohio rivers and one might be compelled to linger about for months before he could get passage from New Orleans up the stream. As there were no boats in sight Mr. Coursen and his companions agreed to start out for home on foot and walked all the way from New Orleans to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Their tramp was largely through wild and uninhabited country and obviously food was scarce. However, they were inured to hardship and possessed all those qualities of endurance of the men of the early days and finally reached their destination in safety. On the way down the river they tied up for a time on the Ohio shores and were visited by natives from whom they purchased supplies and obtained information as to the excellent opportunities of that part of the country for farming purposes, and on the strength of this information Mr. Coursen later located in Licking county. He served in the war of 1812 and was among a number of soldiers who were detailed to drive the Greentown Indians from around about Newark, Ohio, back to their reservation, which lay somewhat to the north of that city. His paternal grandmother, Jane Orr Coursen, was a native of Pennsylvania, to which state her people emigrated from Ireland in the early days.

John Coursen was born in a log cabin on a farm which adjoins the one he has under cultivation, on May 27, 1845. His parents were Isaac and Elizabeth (Fresh) Coursen, his father having been born in this county where he spent his boyhood and when still of tender years was taken to Bowling Green township, where he spent his remaining days as an agriculturist. He was accounted one of the most successful farmers of the community and accumulated an estate which numbered something over three hundred acres and which he left in a highly improved condition. He labored almost incessantly until the time of his death in 1879 when he was interred in Fairmount cemetery. He was held in high repute for his honesty and straightforwardness and his death was lamented not only by the immediate members of his family, his passing being accounted a definite loss to the community. In politics he always supported the democratic party and was ever active and enthusiastic during campaigns to enable the candidates of his party to secure the offices they sought. His wife was a native of Shenandoah county, Virginia, where she lived until she was sixteen years of age when she removed to Richland county, where she remained for one year and then located in Licking county, where she was married and departed this life. Her remains were interred beside those of her husband. They were the parents of the following children: Marion, who resides on a farm, adjoining the old place; Sarah Jane, wife of Clem T. Richter, a prosperous farmer of Bowling Green township; Harvey, who was an agriculturist of the same district; Susan; William; George W., who followed agricultural pursuits in Bowling Green township; and John.

On his father's farm John Coursen was born and reared and in order to obtain an education he attended the district school of Bowling Green township, pursuing his studies in what was known as the Orr schoolhouse. There he spent the most of the winter season and during the summer time assisted his father in performing his duties on the farm and thereby acquired that proficiency which later enabled him to so successfully carry on agricultural pursuits for himself. Having acquired his education he devoted his entire time to farming and remained

on the old home place until about thirty-five years of age, when he then purchased sixty-eight acres of land on which he erected a house, barns and all the necessary buildings. At once he began the cultivation of his own land and has since continuously applied himself to general farming.

In 1881 Mr. Coursen was united in marriage with Miss Annie Field, of Bowling Green township and to this marriage was born one child, that died in infancy. His political faith has always been on the side of the democratic party and he has served as assessor and trustee of Bowling Green township. He is highly respected and esteemed throughout the community. Both he and his wife are adherents of the old school Baptist faith.

M. M. TAYLOR.

M. M. Taylor is a member of the board of public service, and received the compliment of being the only member reelected in 1907, a fact which is indicative of his personal popularity, of the ability with which he had previously discharged his duties, and of the confidence reposed in him. He was born in Newark September 6, 1856, of the marriage of Jacob L. Taylor and Sarah E. McMullen. The father was a native of Annapolis, Maryland, and in 1853, arrived in Newark. He had been employed by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company in the city of Baltimore and at the removal of the headquarters of the road to Ohio he also came. After a few years in the employ of the company in this city he resigned to engage in business on his own account, believing that it would prove more profitable. He began dealing in ice and was a pioneer merchant in that line in this city. As the years passed he developed a good business which proved to him a profitable source of revenue, enabling him and his family to enjoy the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. He was interested in politics, giving his support to the democratic party, but was never an aspirant for office. He married Sarah E. McMullen, a native of Newark and a daughter of John B. McMullen who came from Pennsylvania in pioneer times, becoming identified with this city when it had scarcely emerged from villagehood and gave little promise of industrial or commercial activity. Mrs. Taylor still survives her husband and is now living in Newark.

M. M. Taylor is indebted to the public school system of his native city for the educational privileges he enjoyed. After leaving the high school he secured a position as clerk in a grocery store, and later entered the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company as baggage master, thus continuing for eighteen years, proving a most capable, trustworthy and trusted representative of the road. He was elected as a member of the board of public service in 1905 and as stated had the honor of being reelected in 1907, so that he is now holding that responsible position at this time.

Mr. Taylor belongs to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and is serving as secretary of the local organization. He also holds membership with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen, while in Masonry he has attained the thirty-

second degree of Scottish Rite. He is a representative of a high type of American manhood and chivalry. By perseverance, determination and honorable effort he has worked his way upward, enjoying the full confidence and respect of his fellow townsmen by reason of his fidelity to every trust reposed in him.

GEORGE W. GUTRIDGE.

George W. Gutridge, who has for many years been identified with the farming interests of this county, descends from a family who for upwards of a century have been prominent agriculturists here. When his ancestors first settled in this region they were greeted by broad expanses of timberland with no ground in any condition for cultivation and it fell to them to hew their way through the thick forests and clear out the acres which they gradually improved and cultivated and which today are known throughout the United States as being among the finest farming lands in the country. To those familiar with the early farming history of this region it need not be mentioned that the pioneers were compelled to endure both deprivations and hardships in order to convert the land into a proper condition to till.

John Gutridge, grandfather of the subject of this review, emigrated from his birthplace in Shenandoah county, Virginia, and settled in this county on the farm now under cultivation by his grandson. The deed for the property was obtained from the government of this state and when Mr. Gutridge had obtained full possession of the land he constructed a log cabin, which afforded shelter to himself and family and at once undertook the arduous task of clearing off the land for cultivation, by which he might earn a livelihood. Little by little he succeeded in cutting the timber, culling the stumps and finally, through long years of patient toil, converted many acres into rich fields. Associated with Mr. Gutridge in this venture was his father, Peter Gutridge, the great-grandfather of George W. Gutridge, and both grandparents spent their entire lives upon this farm, where they finally departed this life.

George W. Gutridge was born in Franklin township, this county, February 28, 1848, son of Elisha and Emily (Lampton) Gutridge. His father was born here and spent his life upon the farm and at his death was interred in Fairmount cemetery. His mother was a native of Shenandoah county, Virginia, and emigrated to this county with her parents, who settled in Hopewell township, on a farm adjoining the one now under cultivation by George W. Gutridge, her son. Her parents were of German extraction and through their industry converted many acres into tillable fields, spending their lives on the farm on which they settled. George W. Gutridge was one of a family of eight children, the names of the others being: William, who resides in Newark, Ohio, and was county commissioner for six years; James M., a well known and prosperous farmer of Hopewell township; John, a successful agriculturist of Bowling Green township; Mary, the deceased wife of James Vermillion; Lucinda, who was united in marriage to Samuel Hupp, of Bowling Green township; and Amos and R. N., both of whom are deceased.

In the public schools of Franklin township George W. Gutridge received his education. He attended school during the winter season and during the summer occupied his time in assisting his father in the duties of the farm. When nineteen years of age he purchased a sawmill which he operated at different times in Monroe, Marion and Madison counties, Missouri, and after following this occupation for a period of three years he returned home with his portable sawmill, which he continued to operate until sixteen years ago, when he dropped the business and devoted his time exclusively to farming. In Hopewell township he possesses two hundred and forty acres of rich land, in every respect highly improved, equipped with a large and convenient dwelling house and supplied with capacious barns and other outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. Mr. Gutridge does a general farming business and raises all kinds of grain. In addition to this he devotes a great deal of his attention to stock-raising, particularly sheep. He also has many head of fine cattle and his business on the whole, both as a farmer and stock-raiser, is exceedingly remunerative.

On August 1, 1867, Mr. Gutridge was united in marriage with Miss Hortense Brown. They are the parents of the following children: Carrie Deborah, wife of Henry Orr, a prosperous farmer of Hopewell township; Edgar F., who is engaged in farming in Bowling Green township; Estella May, wife of Frank Clagget, a Hopewell township farmer; Emma, who wedded Emet Hoskins, a farmer and dairyman of Hopewell township; Samuel, who follows agricultural pursuits in the same township; Ray, who owns a sawmill and thresher and who resides in Hopewell township; Warren, a Baltimore & Ohio Railroad engineer, residing in Newark, Ohio; Lottie, whose husband, John Graham, is a farmer of Hopewell township; and Mary, who resides at home.

Mr. Gutridge is well known and highly respected throughout the community. He has been a member of the school board for five years. In politics he is a democrat and is a member of the Baptist church.

FRANK B. DUDGEON.

Frank B. Dudgeon, who is now serving on the board of infirmary directors, was born in Mary Ann township, Licking county, October 16, 1856, his parents being William and Sarah Ann (Albaugh) Dudgeon, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. On the home farm Frank B. Dudgeon was reared, his youthful days being spent in the usual manner of farm lads of the locality and period. The common schools afforded him his educational privileges and he received his business training in his father's store. In early manhood he was married, on the 16th of March, 1882, to Miss Mary E. Nickols, also a native of Mary Ann township, and a daughter of Albert Nickols, now deceased.

Following his marriage Mr. Dudgeon engaged in farming, with which he has since been identified, although he is not confining his attention wholly to this work. In the intervening years he has been engaged in various other departments of labor and is especially well known because of the clerical work he has done at two hundred or more public sales. He was also for three years assistant secretary

at the democratic headquarters of Licking county and he served for five years as a member of the board of township trustees. For five terms he filled the office of township assessor and for thirteen years he has been a director of the Licking County Agricultural Society, of which he was president for two years. For three years he also acted as superintendent of the fair grounds and is serving in that capacity at the present time. In November, 1908, he was elected to the board of infirmity directors. His official record is a most clean and commendable one and his election as an infirmity director brought him a large majority, being the endorsement of his previous public service and an expression of the favor which his fellow townsmen entertain in him. His political allegiance has always been given to the democracy which has found in him a steady and steadfast worker, whose labors are effective and whose methods are honorable.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dudgeon were born four children. Lola May, the eldest, is the wife of Ora E. Cochran and they reside with Mr. Dudgeon. Mr. and Mrs. Cochran have a family of three children, Harley W., Veva Grace and Mary Adeline. Daisy Inez, Mable Gladys and Hazel Fern are still under the parental roof.

In 1904 Mr. Dudgeon and his family were called upon to mourn the loss of the wife and mother, who passed away on the 8th of September, of that year, since which time his daughter Lola has acted as his housekeeper. Socially Mr. Dudgeon is connected with the Woodmen of the World. His official service and his different business interests have made him well known in Licking county and he is warmly esteemed throughout this part of the state, his strongly developed traits of character being such as have gained for him the good will of those who know him.

J. L. BENNER.

The commercial interests of Newark find a worthy representative in J. L. Benner, a progressive citizen of determined and energetic spirit. His birth occurred in this county June 16, 1862, and in the paternal line he comes of Pennsylvania Dutch and Swiss ancestry. His grandfather, Henry Benner, belonged to one of the old Dutch families of the Keystone state and came from Pennsylvania to Ohio during the epoch of pioneer development here. He married Anne Heiser, a lady of Swiss lineage, and following their removal to Licking county they established their home upon a farm in Franklin township. It was there that David Benner, the father of our subject was born and reared. Throughout his entire life he has been identified with commercial pursuits and is still living in Licking county at the very advanced age of seventy-nine years. He wedded Mary Tavenner, also a native of this county and a daughter of George Tavenner, who, leaving his old home in Virginia, here faced the dangers and privations of pioneer life in order to enjoy the advantages which come with settlement on a frontier locality.

In his youthful days J. L. Benner attended the district schools and through the periods of vacation worked in the fields. He afterward followed farming in various places, making it his life work until 1896, when he removed to Newark for

the purpose of seeking success in commercial lines. Here he began dealing in coal and has since continued in this line of business, being located for the past four years at the intersection of Third street and the Pennsylvania Railroad. He has secured a good business and his patronage is constantly increasing.

In 1885 Mr. Benner was married to Miss Martha E. Hill, a native of Iowa, and to them were born ten children, all of whom are yet living. Two are married and reside in Newark: Mary, who is now Mrs. Leonard, and Mrs. Edith Martin. Mr. Benner belongs to the Modern Woodmen Camp but the necessity for close application to his business has left him little time for active participation in outside affairs. What he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of his innate powers. He has worked diligently and persistently, realizing that there is no royal road to wealth, and he deserves great praise for what he has accomplished.

HENRY SHIPLEY.

Authentic facts of history may well be secured from Henry Shipley, for he is one of the native sons of Ohio and the period of his residence here covers more than seventy-eight years. He is therefore cognizant of all the changes that have taken place and the labor that has been wrought in transforming this district from a wilderness region into one of rich fertility, peopled by a class of intelligent, enterprising citizens who have wrought along the line of the greatest good to the greatest number and have made this one of the leading counties of the state. He was born October 28, 1830, in Holmes county, Ohio, his parents being Josiah and Elizabeth (Hoagland) Shipley. The father came to Ohio from Pennsylvania with his parents and settled in Guernsey county, while the mother was a native of Virginia. She died in the year 1852 and in 1854 Josiah Shipley removed to Iowa, spending his remaining days in that state, his death occurring there in 1883.

In the year 1855 Henry Shipley followed his father and the family to Iowa, making the trip across the country by wagon and reaching his destination after several weeks of travel in this way. His father was a farmer but as a young man Henry Shipley learned the carpenter's trade and during the year which he spent in Iowa followed that pursuit.

Feeling better pleased with Ohio as a place of residence, Mr. Shipley returned to this state in 1856 and was probably furthermore attracted by the fact that he had left his sweetheart here and on the 7th of December, of that year, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Parsons, a daughter of Cleveland and Sarah (Coleman) Parsons, who came to Ohio from the state of New York and settled in Bennington township, becoming early residents of that locality, where they assisted in the pioneer development and improvement. Eight children were born of that union: Willis M.; Josiah C.; Eleanor E.; Miles M.; Martha E., who became the wife of James Shipp and is deceased; Zoa Zella, now the wife of Ora Bowman; Demus and Charles, both deceased.

After his return to Ohio Mr. Shipley continued to engage in carpentering and as his financial resources increased he became a landowner and took up farming, which he followed until 1883. In that year he was elected a member of the

board of county commissioners and served for two terms. During his incumbency in the office some of the most important public improvements in the county were made, including the erection of the jail and sheriff's residence, the Children's Home and two armories. Various other public improvements of a permanent character were made and in all the work of progress Mr. Shipley was deeply interested, giving his cooperation to the various movements for the public good. He served for several terms as trustee of Bennington township and also served as road supervisor and school director. In 1900 he was land appraiser for Bennington township and in every public position he has proven himself capable and honest. He has always been an advocate of legitimate public improvement, believing also in economy in the administration of office and yet does not believe in careful expenditure to the exclusion of progress. He is moreover an advocate of good roads, believing in the saying that "good roads put the farmer in touch with good markets." Since leaving the county commissioner's office in 1890 his attention has been given to his farming interests which are quite extensive and, being well managed, bring to him a gratifying return. His political allegiance has long been given to the democracy and he is active in the party ranks, while frequently he serves as a delegate to the party conventions. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is serving as a trustee and his influence is always on the side of right, justice and truth.

THOMAS B. FULTON.

Thomas B. Fulton, a member of the bar since 1875 and practicing at the present time in Newark, is now associated with his brother, William D. Fulton, under the firm style of Fulton & Fulton. He was born in Homer, Licking county, his natal day being June 11, 1851. His father, William Fulton, was a native of Pennsylvania, while the mother, Mrs. Rachael (Carver) Fulton, was born in this county. The Fulton family is of Irish lineage, while the Carvers came from England. About 1848 William Fulton removed from the Keystone state to Licking county and settled on a tract of land near Homer where he followed the occupation of farming. The maternal grandfather, James W. Carver, married Miss Mary Livingston and established his home in this locality in pioneer times. He had one of the first stove foundries in this county building and operating it under the name of the Mary Ann furnace in Mary Ann township. At that date nearly all of the stoves were made by hand as little of the improved machinery for manufacture was then upon the market. Mr. Carver afterward purchased a farm near Horner where he resided until his death, and while residing in this county he held a number of township offices and in this and other ways contributed to the welfare and upbuilding of this section of the state.

Thomas B. Fulton was a student in Granville University but left that institution in his sophomore year with the intention of entering West Point to which he had received appointment under General George W. Morgan. Ill health, however, obliged him to abandon this plan and after convalescing from an attack of typhoid fever he began reading law under the direction of General Morgan who

remained as his preceptor until he was admitted to the bar in 1875 at which time he became a partner of General Morgan at Mt. Vernon, Ohio. In the fall of that year, however, he removed to Newark, where he entered into partnership relations with J. M. Dennis. During the period of the trouble over the county clerk's office, about 1878-79, he was appointed deputy clerk and continued in that office until the succeeding clerk was elected, when he resigned and entered into a law partnership with T. E. Powell, now of Columbus. In that connection he went to Marysville, Ohio, where he practiced until 1888. He then went to Las Vegas, New Mexico, and was in the south for some months, after which he returned to Newark and formed a law partnership with his brother, William D. Fulton, under the firm name of Fulton & Fulton, which is still continued. The firm has a large clientele and the law business entrusted to them is of an important character, connecting them with much of the leading litigation tried in the courts of this district. In 1897 Thomas B. Fulton was elected city solicitor of Newark and was reelected in 1899, serving for four years. In 1906 he received the democratic nomination for common pleas judge but was defeated with the remainder of the ticket. He is a member of the Licking County Bar Association and is regarded as one of the strongest and most forceful lawyers practicing in Newark. He is now attorney for the Citizens Building & Loan Association and concentrates his energies largely upon his work in connection with the legal profession, although at one time for a little more than a year he served as cashier of the Peoples National Bank of Newark.

On the 1st of June, 1878, Mr. Fulton was united in marriage to Miss Inez V. Mead of Licking county, and they have three children, Zoe A., Ned R. and Winifred. Mr. Fulton holds membership relations with the Masonic fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, and enjoys the warm regard of his associates in these organizations as well as in professional and social circles. Strong in his individuality he never lacks the courage of his convictions, is tolerant in his opinions of others and is recognized as a man of broad intelligence and genuine public spirit.

J. C. HARTSOCK, JR.

J. C. Hartsock, Jr., engaged in the hotel and livery business at Homer, was born in Johnson county, Iowa, October 7, 1850, his parents being J. C. and Elizabeth (Bricker) Hartsock, both of whom were natives of Greene county, Pennsylvania. In 1830 the father became a resident of Knox county, Ohio, where he lived for about fourteen years and then removed to Iowa, his death occurring in that state in 1850. The same year the mother returned to Knox county, Ohio, where she made her home until her demise.

J. C. Hartsock, Jr., is now the only surviving member of a family of six children. He was reared in Knox county, Ohio, and remained at home until the time of his majority, which was celebrated in 1872, Miss Gates, a native of Licking county, becoming his wife. Their children are: Cora, the wife of Edward Weigand, of Mount Vernon, Ohio; and D. W., also of Mount Vernon. The wife

and mother died in 1887 and later Mr. Hartsock wedded Miss Olive May Billmon, who was born in Licking county in 1865 and is a daughter of Leonard and Anna (McQueen) Billmon, in whose family were three children. The father died in 1898 and the mother is now living with Mr. and Mrs. Hartsock.

In early life Mr. Hartsock took up the carpenter's trade, entered the business and became a contractor, being identified with building interests for thirty-four years. In that way he became closely connected with the improvement of the county, but in 1904 put aside industrial interests and purchased a hotel and livery at Homer, where he is now located. The hotel is well appointed and conveniently arranged and contains nineteen rooms. In the livery Mr. Hartsock keeps eight horses and also has an automobile for rental. In addition to his property in Homer, he owns a residence at Fallsburg, this county.

In his political views Mr. Hartsock is a stanch democrat, giving earnest support to the principles of the party and on its ticket he has been elected justice of the peace and clerk, filling the latter position six years. He is a charter member of the Odd Fellows Lodge at Brandon, in which he has filled all of the chairs, and his wife is connected with the Rebekah Lodge.

S. L. JAMES.

S. L. James, attorney at law, is numbered among Ohio's native sons. He was born in Belmont county, in November, 1852, and is a son of Andrew J. and Almira (Gray) James, who were likewise natives of Belmont county. His father, following the occupation of farming, spent the greater part of his life in Belmont county but died in Licking county, while buying timber here, death coming to him very suddenly. His widow still survives at the age of seventy-eight years and is a remarkably well preserved woman.

S. L. James was reared on the home farm and acquired his education at Mount Union and Scio Branch, in Harrison county. He taught school for two years in early manhood but regarded this merely as a preliminary step toward other professional labor and in preparation for the work of the courts he entered the law office of Judge J. H. Collins, general counsel for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, located at Barnesville, Belmont county. Mr. James read law in this office until his admission to the bar in 1872 and then began practice in Barnesville, where he remained until 1885. Seeking the opportunities afforded in a larger city, he then removed to Newark and has since been in practice here, giving strict attention to his professional duties. He has argued many cases and lost but few. No one better knows the necessity for thorough preparation and no one more industriously prepares his cases than he. He is always courteous and deferential toward the court, kind and forbearing toward his adversaries, and while examining a witness carefully and thoroughly, he treats him with the respect which makes a witness grateful for his treatment. His thorough legal learning, his wide experience in the courts and the care with which he ascertains all the facts bearing upon every case which comes before him, makes him one of the strong and able members of the bar and accounts for his large and growing clientage.

In 1877 Mr. James was married to Miss Mary R. Hunt, a native of Pennsylvania. They attend the East Newark Methodist Episcopal church and have a large circle of warm friends in the city. Mr. James is connected with the Woodmen and the Tribe of Ben Hur, while along more specifically professional lines he is connected with the Licking County Bar Association. What he has accomplished represents the wise use to which he has put his native talents and acquired ability and makes him a forceful factor as a member of the bar.

ELLSWORTH E. BOYD.

Ellsworth E. Boyd, a successful, enterprising and progressive agriculturist of Burlington township, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, on the 21st of December, 1862, his parents being Marion and Ann (McCormick) Boyd. The father was likewise a native of Coshocton county, his natal year being 1823, while the mother, a native of Ireland, was eleven years of age when she accompanied her parents on their emigration to the United States, the family home being established in Coshocton county, Ohio. In that county Marion Boyd was reared and in 1851 wedded Miss Ann McCormick, the young couple beginning their domestic life on a farm near Keene. In 1863 they came to Licking county, Ohio, settling on the farm on which Mrs. Boyd has since resided and which has remained the home of her son, Ellsworth E. Boyd, since the age of one year. On coming to this county Marion Boyd first purchased one hundred acres of land but subsequently added a tract of twenty-five acres and in his farming interests met with a well deserved and gratifying measure of prosperity. Politically he was a stalwart republican, while his religious faith was indicated in his membership in the Reformed Presbyterian church, in the faith of which he passed away in 1900, when he had attained the age of seventy-seven years. His demise was deeply mourned by many friends, for during the long period of his residence in this county, covering thirty-seven years, he had won the esteem and regard of all with whom he came in contact by reason of his upright and honorable dealings in all the relations of life. His widow still survives at the age of seventy-seven years and, being a lady of many excellent traits of heart and mind, the circle of her friends is almost coextensive with the circle of her acquaintances. Unto this worthy couple were born five children, namely: Renrick, a resident of Burlington township; Ellsworth E., of this review; Almira, the widow of Samuel Patton, of Burlington township; Caroline E., the deceased wife of Clem Patton, by whom she had five children, Morton, Joseph M., Ray C., Ethel and Cettie; and Edward, who has also passed away.

As before stated, Ellsworth E. Boyd has lived upon his present home farm since the age of one year and attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education that would fit him for the practical and responsible duties of life. On reaching man's estate the work of the fields devolved upon him and his brother Edward, and subsequent to his father's death E. E. Boyd acquired seventy and a half acres of the farm, together with the buildings. Owing to his untiring indus-

try, indefatigable energy and capable management, he has won a substantial measure of success in his agricultural pursuits and is numbered among the representative and prosperous citizens of the community.

In 1901 Mr. Boyd was united in marriage to Miss Ada Stinson, a daughter of Charles Stinson, of Washington township, who is now deceased. Like his father before him, Mr. Boyd gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is a devoted and consistent member of the Presbyterian church. Both he and his wife are well known and highly esteemed throughout the county in which they have so long resided, the hospitality of the best homes being freely accorded them.

JOHN B. WHITEHEAD.

On the farm he now cultivates in Lima township John Bates Whitehead has practically spent all his life, having been brought to Licking county by his parents when he was four years of age, his birth having occurred in Franklin county June 16, 1831. He is a son of Silas and Sarah (Parrott) Whitehead and the fourth born of a family of twelve children. In this township he acquired his education at the district schools, at the same time assisting in the task of plowing, planting and harvesting. He worked steadily on the farm until May 1, 1864, when he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain J. H. Baird and after serving in the one hundred days' service he was mustered out at Camp Chase, September 1, 1864, during his military career having participated in the battle of John Brown's Schoolhouse, near Maryland Heights, and also having served in the army of the Potomac. Returning to this township after the war he settled down upon his farm containing fifty-two acres and continued the pursuit of agriculture until a few years ago when he practically retired from active life and turned over the management of his farm to his son.

In 1852 Mr. Whitehead was united in marriage to Hannah Headley, whose birth occurred in Jersey township January 9, 1832, and whose ancestors have been for many generations in this country. Representatives of the name served in the Revolutionary war. Her grandfather was Joseph Headley, whose birth occurred in New Jersey, in 1758, and his death in Jersey township, this county, August 27, 1842. He married Martha Riker, a native of Sussex county, New Jersey, where her birth occurred in the same year as that of her husband and who passed away in Jersey township, September 16, 1842. In 1809 they came from New Jersey, settling near Zanesville, this state, where they remained until 1815, during which year, in company with a son, Peter, they went to Muskingum county, camping on the south fork of Licking creek, near Jersey. There they erected a log structure in which they resided and for a while engaged in making sugar. The following year Peter Headley entered a quarter section of land on section 24, on which he built a log cabin and his father with the remainder of the family resided with him until the year 1822, when his parents took up their residence with their son, Lewis, in Jersey, Ohio, where they resided until they departed this life. Joseph Headley was a soldier in the Colonial army during the Revolutionary war and after that conflict he spent his remaining days in the pursuit of agriculture.

As to his religious convictions, he was broad minded and was affiliated with the Universalists. Among his children were: Elizabeth, Peter, Dorothy, William, Samuel, Uziah, Lewis, and Mary C., who has two daughters, Lavena and Eunice.

Lewis Headley was born in New Jersey March 31, 1799, and in 1822 he was united in marriage with Mima Noe, who passed away August 13, 1874, in her seventieth year. They settled on a farm in Jersey township, this county, on land which is now part of the village of Jersey, and there Lewis Headley built a log cabin and later constructed and operated the first sawmill built in Jersey township, the mill having been located on the north fork of Licking creek. There he lived for a number of years engaged both in agriculture and the lumber business. In the village of Jersey he built an elegant dwelling in which he resided in retirement for several years before his death. He was a man who took considerable interest in the welfare of the community and donated to the trustees of the township the ground for the Jersey cemetery, in which rest the remains of several members of his family. As to his religious convictions his were far from the generally accepted orthodox thought and, believing in the ultimate salvation of all mankind, he was affiliated all his life with the Universalist church. In his family were the following children: Mary, Lemuel, Matilda, Hannah, Phoebe, Ebenezer, John and Martha.

To Hannah Headley, who became the wife of John Bates Whitehead, was born one son, Elmer G., his nativity having occurred on a farm two and a half miles south of the home place, September 19, 1863, and he now is the possessor of the old homestead. Mr. Whitehead has always been affiliated with the republican party and throughout his long experience as a voter he has never found reason for leaving the party as he has always believed its principles in every particular to be adequate to advancing the nation's interest. He is a man whose industry and enterprise have made him favorably known throughout the township and he stands in excellent repute among his neighbors as an upright and straightforward citizen.

GEORGE N. RECTOR.

George N. Rector, now engaged in agricultural pursuits in Licking county, was born May 3, 1854, in Muskingum county, Ohio, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rector, both of whom were natives of Virginia and came to Muskingum county in the early '40s. The father's death occurred in 1884, while the mother survived until 1900. Their family numbered ten children, namely: Jacon, of Licking county; Samuel and Joseph, also of this county; Cordelia; Elizabeth J., deceased; Sarah Ann, the wife of William Shaw, of Newark, Ohio; George N., of this review; John B., a resident of Licking county; Mary M., the wife of George Priest, residing in this county; and Andrew J., living in Newark, Ohio.

Reared in the home of his parents, George N. Rector acquired his education in the common schools and remained upon his father's farm until twenty years of age, when he began working out by the month, being thus engaged for four years. Later he purchased eighty-five acres of land in Newton township, and

began farming on his own account. This farm is situated near Newark, Ohio, and Mr. Rector is devoting his time and attention to the work of general development and improvement, and his fields are bringing to him good returns.

Mr. Rector was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Derfflinger, who was born in 1853, a native of Licking county. She was one of six children whose parents are both dead. Mrs. Rector died in December, 1901, and later he again married, his second union being with Miss Mary D. Lowell. She was born in Knox county, Ohio, a daughter of William and Charity (Kearns) Lowell, the former a native of Muskingum county and the latter of Morrow county, Ohio, while they now make their home in Licking county. Mrs. Rector is one of eight children born to her parents.

Although Mr. Rector is a stalwart supporter of the democratic party, the honors and emoluments of office hold no attraction for him, preferring, as he does, to devote his entire time and attention to his agricultural interests. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is likewise a member of Newark Lodge, No. 2747, M. W. A., and through these channels he has made a large number of acquaintances and many warm friends.

HENRY O. NORRIS.

Through successive stages of business progression Henry O. Norris has reached his present position among the successful, prominent and energetic business men of Newark, where he is now connected with the lumber trade. He was born in Maryland, May 4, 1852, a son of Nicholas D. and Caroline (Devries) Norris, who were likewise natives of that state. The father devoted his life to farming and died in Maryland in June, 1908, at the age of eighty-five years, having for more than two decades survived his wife, who passed away in 1887 at the age of sixty-five years.

Henry O. Norris obtained his education in the public schools of Maryland, and afterward lived upon his father's farm until he was twenty-one years of age, assisting in the work of field and meadow. He there formed habits of industry, economy and diligence which have constituted elements in his later success. Leaving the farm on attaining his majority he went to Bellaire, Ohio, where he entered the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, there serving as ticket agent for five years. In 1879 he came to Newark and accepted a position as bookkeeper in the First National Bank. Promotions made him teller in the same institution and he occupied that position for nine years, being one of the most trusted representatives of the institution. On the expiration of that period he joined Charles A. Smith in the purchase of the lumber business of John S. Bradley & Company, which has been in existence for twenty-five or thirty years. His partnership with Mr. Smith was maintained until 1901, when he purchased his partner's interest and has since been alone in business, being now sole owner of a large lumber yard. He carries all kinds of lumber and his sales have become extensive, owing to the straightforward business methods he has ever followed, his reasonable prices and his efforts to please his customers. As he has prospered

he has extended his labors to other lines, becoming a stockholder and director of the First National Bank and also a stockholder of the Newark Ice and Cold Storage Company, of which he is now the vice president.

In 1879 Mr. Norris was married to Miss Anna Buckingham, a native of Newark, and a daughter of Judge Buckingham. He lost his wife, however, in September, 1900. Mr. Norris is a member of the Episcopal church and is well known in Newark by reason of his progressive citizenship and devotion to the general welfare, as well as by his business activity that has resulted in the attainment of gratifying success. His record may well serve as a source of encouragement and inspiration to others, showing what may be accomplished when one is not afraid of labor, for the opportunities which came to Mr. Norris were such as any man might secure and it is by reason of his diligence and reliability that he has become one of the successful merchants of his adopted city.

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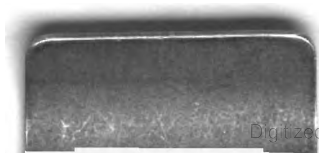
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